

Move to Change Labor Act Perils Nation—NLRB

Board Warns Against Amendments As Undermining Basic Aims of Wagner Act; Denies 'One-Sided' Charges; Bares Violent Employers' Methods

By Adam Lapin

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 14.—Without mincing words, the National Labor Relations Board today warned against amendments which would undermine the basic principles of the Wagner Act.

The Board urged in "the interests of this country and its democratic institutions that these principles be not weakened or abandoned, but preserved and strengthened."

The Board declared that the major proposals contained in the amendments introduced by Senators David I. Walsh and Edward Burke as well as in other pending bills would "effectively nullify the rights of self-organization and collective bargaining."

Responding to a request for comment made several weeks ago by the Senate Labor Committee which is now holding hearings on the Act, the Board took its stand on the whole issue of amendments for the first time.

DENIES CHARGES

It pointed to the facts and figures of its record to show that the charges of bias have been unfounded and that it has been scrupulously fair both to the A. F. of L. and to employers who have obeyed the law. Prior to this formal report, members of the Board have been unwilling to express an opinion on the five sets of pending amendments as well as on the frequent complaints against their own conduct on the grounds that they are performing a semi-judicial function and thus should not engage in public controversy.

For this reason Board members have replied only rarely to their vociferous critics in the National Association of Manufacturers and the Chamber of Commerce and have kept publicly expenses below those of any other government agency of similar size. After expressing its conviction that the basic principles of the Act should be preserved and strengthened, the Board said that "within these limits" it approached the question of amendments "with a wholly open mind" and that it welcomed "a full inquiry by this committee into the operations of the Act."

ONLY 4 WORTH STUDY

Only four comparatively minor proposals of the scores contained in the pending bills were recommended by the Board as worthy of "further consideration."

If these four were found after study to be of real merit, the Board said, they could for the most part "be achieved through administrative regulation without requiring legislative enactment."

"The remaining proposals in the bills before the committee, in our opinion, are definitely objectionable," the Board said. "Many are not only in conflict with the basic purposes of the Act but would, taken singly or in combination, effectively nullify the rights of self-organization and collective bargaining which the Act is designed to protect."

"Others, while not striking at the roots of the law, would drastically curtail the rights now guaranteed by the Act or substantially impair its effective administration."

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No Decision Yet On Jersey Firm's Labor Violations

WASHINGTON, April 14 (UP).—Labor Department officials said tonight that no decision has been made on their future course of action regarding the Sigmund Elser Company, Red Bank, N. J., which a Labor Department inspector charged with violation of the Walsh-Healey Act.

Company attorneys have filed a brief denying that it disobeyed labor and wage regulations stipulated in the act for holders of government contracts.

Officials said that a decision in the case probably would be made within a few days. The Elser Company holds government contracts for the manufacture of clothes.

Pa. Coal Firm Keeps \$57,000 Due 1,400 Miners

PITTSBURGH, April 14 (UP).—Pittsburgh Terminal Coal Corp. shut down because of the bituminous mining "holiday," today failed to pay an estimated \$57,000 in back wages to 1,400 miners who gathered at its three mines to collect their "life-saving" checks.

After miners had waited in line two hours at the Covedale, Horning and Mollenbaur mines, the company posted this notice: "The Pittsburgh Terminal Coal Corp. regretfully is forced to announce its inability at this date to meet the payroll for the work period of March 16 to March 31, inclusive."

Erickson Bares Officials In Graft Reported

Herlands Quizzes Gambler Linked to Probe of Geoghan Corruption

Frank Erickson, bookmaker and gambling king named in a racket probe of District Attorney William F. X. Geoghan's office and the Brooklyn County Court, was assumed to have offered important testimony involving unnamed high officials in corruption charges when he appeared voluntarily yesterday at the office of Commissioner of Investigation William B. Herlands where he was examined under oath for four hours.

The fact that the gambler, whom Mayor LaGuardia ordered arrested on sight, was not taken into custody gave rise to the belief that Erickson had agreed to act as a witness against officials alleged to have taken bribes from him. Lieutenant Martin A. Cannon, former chief of detectives in Geoghan's office, was suspended from the service last week on charges of the Mayor on charges he had accepted payments totaling \$1,050.05 from Erickson.

Erickson walked into Mr. Herlands' office accompanied by his attorney, George Morton Levy, at 1:30 P. M. He was examined under oath until 5:30.

CLOSELY WATCHED

While he was being quizzed by a squad of more than twenty detectives, under command of Lieutenant Harry V. Hanley, appeared at the Department of Investigation headquarters. When Erickson left the office, to which he has been summoned to appear again on Monday at 2 P. M. for further examination, the detectives melted out of sight.

It was understood the gambler

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3 Die In Gunfight On Hearst's Mexican Ranch

JUAREZ, Mexico, April 14 (UP).—Two cattle rustlers and an official of the Chihuahua state police were killed today in a gun battle fought on the huge Baboara ranch owned by William Randolph Hearst, reports received here said.

The Hearst ranch spreads over nearly a million acres and is located about 160 miles southwest of Juarez. The United States Consulate General here said two unidentified American citizens were in the wreck but that neither was hurt. Survivors reaching here related the horrors experienced when the locomotive of the Guadalupe train crashed into the rear coach of the stalled Laredo express.

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250 Jobless Picket Barton Advertising Firm Offices

More than 250 dismissed WPA workers yesterday picketed the advertising firm of Barton, Barton, Durstine and Osborn, Inc., at 383 Madison Ave., shouting "Barton for Ex-Congressman."

Rep. Bruce Barton, New York City's only "economy" bloc adherent, is one of the owners of the rich advertising firm.

A committee of the workers sought to see the Republican Congressman to question him on where they may find work, but were refused admittance. The answer appeared to be in several glasses of water that were spilled upon the demonstrators from the windows of the Barton firm offices following the picketing, when the employed were gathered in front of a speaker who addressed them.

Penalty Clause Must Be Out, Says Lewis

Fining Method Modern Version of Whip Lash, He Says

By George Morris

John L. Lewis, President of the United Mine Workers, last night told the bituminous coal operators in "cold turkey" that no contract will be signed which retains a penalty clause making the operator sole judge if his employees violated a contract and thereby subject to a fine.

He stated the union's position at the conclusion of another day of deadlocked negotiations at Baltimore Hotel, in answer to a claim of the operators that they made a concession in agreeing to granting the U.M.W.A. sole bargaining rights. "You see gentlemen," Lewis said, "the operators make a virtue out of giving us something we have already had. We are now the exclusive bargaining agency."

At the same time Lewis disclosed that Mayor LaGuardia, who Thursday declared to the committee the serious coal shortage and paralysis that New York faces, had also proposed a formula to settle the strike. Lewis said that "the mine workers stated they are willing to discuss the proposal" but that the operators refused.

MAYOR'S LETTER

Yesterday the Mayor made public a follow-up letter he had sent to the joint negotiating committee, again reminding them of his "formula" and that New York's "need of coal is the very life of the city itself."

"The Mayor expressed the opinion that in view of agreement on renewing the terms on working conditions in the old contract, 'there should be little difficulty in reaching a final agreement.'"

"If the formula which I suggested yesterday, hastily and on the spur of the moment conceived, is not acceptable, surely, it should not be difficult for the two sides, who have been working together for so many years, to arrive at a satisfactory and fair understanding," the Mayor wrote.

Renewing his plea for a settlement, the Mayor promised to inquire again today on the prospects of a settlement.

"The Mayor's formula," Lewis said, "was a suggestion that the penalty clauses be revised to operate on a mutual basis and that no fines be collected until guilt was established."

This explained why operators were so reluctant to make public on Wednesday the Mayor's proposals to the conference.

ALMOST MURDER

On further questioning it developed that when the Mayor on inquiring of the reason for the deadlock was told of how the penalty clause operates, he expressed the opinion that "it is almost murder."

The Mayor was informed that when in the judgment of the employer, miners went on strike in violation of the agreement, he can, in accordance with the penalty clause fine them a dollar, and in some cases more for each day on

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Profit Group Seeks Change In Act—Wagner

WASHINGTON, April 14 (UP).—The majority of proposed amendments to the National Labor Relations Act "spring from a small but powerful minority who profited by keeping the worker in bondage," Sen. Robert F. Wagner, D. N. Y., charged tonight in a radio address.

Wagner, co-author of the act, said in a coast-to-coast speech over the National Broadcasting Company system that the statute in 1938, its first full year of operation, was responsible for a 50 per cent drop in strikes. In addition, he said, only one-third as much working time was lost in 1938 than in 1937.

Because of jurisdictional disputes between unions, he said, there is wide support for an amendment to permit employers to petition for elections to determine which union should represent their workers.

"In such situations, and under ap-

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F.D.R. Warns Fascist Bloc America Ready to Defend Hemisphere, World Peace

London and Paris Hail Speech As Powerful Check On Fascists

BERLIN BLUSTERS

New Dealers Cheer, Isolationists Complain Against Talk

LONDON, April 14 (UP).—British official circles warmly welcomed President Roosevelt's speech today, particularly his rejection of the argument that Britain's present efforts for European security constitute "encirclement."

Diplomats said the speech will have a restraining effect on the dictators because they would have to take into consideration the possibility that the United States would oppose them if they provoke war. They feel, therefore, that the speech came at an opportune moment inasmuch as tension in Europe is increasing with daily reports of new troop movements, naval preparations and staff consultations.

The liberal News-Chronicle said editorially:

"The Old World will be grateful to Mr. Roosevelt for his rebuke to the totalitarian leaders. A word from the American government, controlling resources such as never before have been marshaled, could be decisive. No aggressor would dare risk coming into conflict with the overwhelming power of the United States. If Hitler and Mussolini have been counting on American indifference, Mr. Roosevelt's speech should make them think again."

FRENCH LEADERS

HAIL SPEECH

PARIS, April 14 (UP).—President Roosevelt's speech today produced a most favorable impression in French political quarters where it was seen as strengthening the position of the Western Powers against the totalitarian nations.

The French liked especially the passage denying "encirclement" and pointed out that it coincides with the conception of London and Paris that present diplomatic action, which in the opinion of the Western Powers has nothing to do with aggressive encirclement, serves exclusively for defense.

Roosevelt's statement that air fleets in the future will be able to traverse oceans also was pointed out. The French expect this statement to produce a strong impression on United States public opinion. Discussion between American isolationists and anti-isolationists naturally are followed in France with the greatest interest and the French believe that Roosevelt adduced strong arguments against isolationism.

BERLIN GROWLS

AS SPEECH HITS

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Paris Again Sends Envoy Into Spain

Pétain to Observe Axis Military Machine With Franco

PARIS, April 14 (UP).—Increasingly alarmed about the situation in Spain, France today sent her Ambassador, Marshal Henri Pétain, hurrying to San Sebastian after a quick visit to Paris to watch military movements in Spain and by Franco's allies, fascist Italy and Nazi Germany, in the Iberian peninsula, North Africa and the Atlantic.

Poland decided that Foreign Minister Joseph Beck soon would make a state visit to Paris. There has been no official detailed interpretation here of the new Anglo-Polish bilateral agreements, but it is doubted here that they cover Danzig.

As the first consequence of the Anglo-French pledge to defend Greece, Le Temps stated tonight in a dispatch from Athens that 50 British fighting planes had arrived at Piraeus by boat.

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The Highlights in Roosevelt's Pan-American Day Message

The American peace which we celebrate today has no quality of weakness in it. We are prepared to maintain it and defend it, matching force to force.

Should the method of attack be that of economic pressure, I pledge that my own country will also give economic support, so that no American nation need surrender any fraction of its sovereign freedom to maintain its economic welfare.

The issue is really whether our civilization is to be dragged into the tragic vortex of unending militarism or whether we shall be able to maintain the ideal of peace.

We have the right to say that there shall not be an organization of world affairs which permits us no choice but to turn our country into barracks, unless we are to be the vassals of some conquering empire.

The truest defense of the peace of our hemisphere must always lie in the hope that our sister nations beyond the seas will break the bonds of the ideas which constrain them toward perpetual warfare.

Dreams of conquest appear to us as ridiculous as they are criminal.

40 Nazi Ships In War Fleet Spain 'Cruise'

Maneuvers Are Closely Watched By British Admiralty

BERLIN, April 14 (UP).—Neutral observers today interpreted the "training cruise" of 40 units of the Nazi navy off the coasts of Spain as a maneuver to strengthen the strategic position of the axis powers on the sea in case of conflict with anti-totalitarian states.

Should hostilities break out the Nazi training squadron, which sails April 18, either could cooperate as a unit with the Italian fleet in the Mediterranean or Atlantic or else could disperse and fight as guerrilla raiders on enemy commerce, as Germany did during the World War.

The squadron Germany is sending to Spain will comprise 25 fighting ships and about 15 naval supply ships. Although the exact number of warships Britain and France are maintaining in the Mediterranean is unknown here neutral observers consider they are superior in the size of units and in numbers over the combined fleet Italy and Germany would be able to put in the Mediterranean.

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BRITAIN WATCHING

NAZI FLEET MOVES

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France Bolsters Forces Along Spanish Border

PARIS, April 14 (UP).—France today sent additional troops to the Western Pyrenees to counter heavy reinforcement of Spanish fascist garrisons just across the frontier. Reports reached the French border of the arrival at Vera, a Basque village barely three miles from the French frontier, of 5,000 Franco infantry.

According to border reports there is similar activity at La Liza, near Gibraltar, where Galician reinforcements are so numerous that barracks have overflowed and soldiers' tanks and artillery are parked in the bullpen.

British engineers at Gibraltar last night barricaded the main road leading from La Liza to the famous British fort. French military and air attaches from Burgos went to Gibraltar by automobile where they conferred with British commanders.

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Hull Reaffirms Stand of America With Anti- Fascist Forces

VOWS ECONOMIC AID

President Says We Will Help Resist Financial Penetration

Summary

WASHINGTON.—President Roosevelt pledges United States support, military and economic, in resistance to any threat to the independence of any American nation; backs world peace efforts (Page 1).

LONDON.—Britain opens conversations with the Soviet Union; moves to bring Yugoslavia and Turkey into peace bloc opposing aggressor nations (Page 1).

PARIS.—France sends troops to west Pyrenees sector across border on which Franco Spain is reinforcing garrisons; Nazi troop movements in Rhineland and near Poland and Yugoslavia reported (Page 1).

ROME.—Nazi chieftain Goering arrives for conferences with heads of Italian government; air raid drills continue (Page 2).

BERLIN.—"Training cruise" of Nazi navy off Spain interpreted as maneuver to strengthen strategic position (Page 3).

BELGRADE.—Threat of war with Yugoslavia's elements into unity not achieved since World War (Page 2).

BUCHAREST.—Anglo-French pledge described as "valuable contribution to general peace" (Page 2).

WASHINGTON, April 14 (UP).—President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Cordell Hull told the dictators powers today that the United States and other nations of the Western Hemisphere are armed with economic and lethal weapons to defend themselves against aggression and that they will not accept any attempted new world order based on "force-politics."

The spokesmen for United States foreign policy addressed the governing board of the Pan American union in observance of Pan American day. The President's address, made this morning, was broadcast internationally. Hull spoke over a nationwide NBC hookup tonight, reiterating Mr. Roosevelt's remarks that the nations of the New World had taken a strong stand against the totalitarian governments of other continents.

Mr. Roosevelt declared that the Western Hemisphere will have its say in determining the order of world affairs and he pledged that any aggression against the 21 American republics and Canada will be matched "force to force," with economic devices as well as guns.

He reaffirmed the principle of continental solidarity and defense and assured this nation's sister republics that the United States stands ready to give them economic support to maintain their "sovereign freedom" in the face of "economic pressure" attacks by the European Nazi-fascist axis.

Hull's address was complementary to the President's. He stressed and augmented Mr. Roosevelt's remarks, at times giving them more force or underlining them with additional facts. Their theme was that there can be world peace, but it must be based on international order based on equal rights for all nations.

Pan-Americanism, Hull said, stands for an "affirmation by half the world that it will not accept an international order

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Rumania Hails British-French Defense Pledge

BUCHAREST, Rumania, April 14 (UP).—Premier Armand Calinescu tonight described the British and French pledges to Rumania as "valuable contributions to the general peace."

"These declarations to support our efforts for peace were made with such generosity," he said, "that they moved us deeply. We would welcome similar declarations from wherever they might come."

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Goering in Rome For Secret Talk With War Chiefs

No. 2 Nazi Will Confer With Mussolini and Ciano As War Drills Go On In Streets; To Take Plans Back to Berlin

ROME, April 14 (UP).—Field Marshal Goering, No. 2 Nazi, arrived here tonight resplendent in a white summer uniform for important conferences with Mussolini; King Victor Emmanuel and Foreign Minister Count Galeazzo Ciano. Two hours after Goering arrived, on the stroke of 10 P.M., Rome was plunged into darkness, sirens shrieked, anti-aircraft and machine guns crackled and blaring loudspeakers warned citizens of an anti-air raid "black-out" test.

Goering was met at the station by Ciano and a guard of honor of Italian aviators.

The King will receive Goering at Quirinal Palace at noon tomorrow, the Queen simultaneously receiving Mrs. Goering. Mussolini and Goering will meet in the afternoon at Venice Palace. Ciano probably will attend this meeting, otherwise Goering will visit him later at Chigi Palace.

The Goerings were scheduled to depart Monday morning, probably going direct to Berlin.

Just a few hours before Goering arrived an official communiqué issued after a meeting of the Council of Ministers announced that the Italian King had taken the Albanian crown and will be represented by a lieutenant general who will reside in Tirana.

London, Paris Hail F.D.R.'s Defense Talk

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was denounced by Nazi leaders. The propaganda minister spokesman told the United Press:

"What else can you expect from the man who is father of the 'encirclement' policy, as stated by two United States journalists, Drew Pearson and Robert Allen (authors of Washington Merry Go Round)? When Roosevelt said the United States would aid any Latin American country which was threatened economically he obviously referred to Germany."

NEW DEALERS CHEER, ISOLATIONISTS COMPLAIN

WASHINGTON, April 14 (UP).—Congressional comment on President Roosevelt's Pan American day address tonight magnified the sharp division over this Nation's foreign policy arising from administration attempts to revise present neutrality legislation.

Among those commenting favorably on Mr. Roosevelt's address today were Sens. Claude A. Pepper, D. Fla., and Homer T. Bone, D. Wash. As the senate foreign relations committee continued its neutrality hearings, Sen. Robert R. Reynolds, D. N. C. Member of the group, charged that Mr. Roosevelt is "meddling" in the domestic affairs of other nations.

Like other isolationists, Reynolds centered his criticism on the President's remark that the world's best hope for peace lies in the possibility that "our sister nations beyond the seas will break the bonds of ideas which constrain them to perpetual warfare."

Similar views were taken by Rep. Hamilton Fish, R. N. Y., and Rep. John M. Vorys, R. O. but veteran spokesmen such as Sens. Arthur H. Vandenberg, R. Mich., and William E. Borah, R. Ida., had no comment.

On another front the State Department defended the Byrnes proposal to barter surplus American cotton and wheat for strategic war materials produced by Great Britain, Holland and Belgium, asserting the plan would not interfere with normal commercial transactions.

From another quarter came the announcement that "the conference of one hundred" will assemble tomorrow at a conference called by the American Union for Concerted Peace Efforts to discuss neutrality law changes that would make impossible American "economic participation" in aggression.

Leading Soviet Concert Artists To Tour U. S.

(By Cable to the Daily Worker) MOSCOW, April 14.—Seven outstanding young Soviet concert musicians will tour the United States in connection with the New York World's Fair, it was announced today.

Violinists David Oistrakh, Liza Gilels and Marina Koshlyova, pianists Emil Gilels, Jacob Flier and Lev Oborin, and cellist Danyla Khafan, all winners of prizes in Soviet and international competitions, will participate in the tour. The Committee on Arts of the U.S.S.R. is sponsoring the tour.

German C.P. Greets U.S. Party; Hails Progress

Berne Conference Sends Greetings to Browder, Foster and Ford

The following letter, addressed to the Communist Party of the United States, was received by Communist Party national headquarters in New York yesterday:

"The Conference of the Communist Party of Germany, held at the beginning of February in Berne, Switzerland, sends to you, the Communist Party of the United States of America, and to its leaders, Comrades Foster, Browder and Ford, most fraternal greetings.

"The German people follow with greatest interest the struggle of your Party for peace and democracy. Contrary to the slanders of the Nazi leaders, the masses of the German people are enthusiastic about the tremendous movement of the American people against the Berlin-Rome-Tokio fascist war triangle. They consider this movement as an outstanding support of their struggle for peace, liberty and freedom.

"The working class and the progressive people in the United States should know that the anti-fascist movement in Germany is growing. It has grown especially during the September days (the Munich crisis), despite the aid given to Hitler by Chamberlain and the French reactionaries.

"Our Party has been able to make some successes in establishing the united front of the German working class and in organizing its own ranks. The solidarity help given by you, dear Comrades, has facilitated the hard struggle of our Party against Hitler fascism.

"Long live the Communist Party of the United States, which fights in alliance with all progressive forces for a mighty American bulwark of peace, liberty and democracy!

"Long live the alliances of all progressive people against cruel and disgraceful fascism!"

"The Conference of the Communist Party of Germany held in Berne, Switzerland, (Signed) Paul Merker, February, 1939."

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propriate safeguards," he said, "I strongly believe that the privilege of petitioning for an election should be opened to an employer."

HITS PROPOSED CHANGES Proposed amendments to curtail the right to strike, however, are completely unjustified, he contended. "Such proposals," he said, "are a threat to every worker and just employer in America."

Another group of proposed amendments to make drastic changes in administrative procedure of the National Labor Relations Board, he said, "would break down the traditional balance between administrative agencies and reviewing courts."

"All fair employers in America," he said, "should realize that they have long been unwilling victims of a reactionary minority, which has forced strife upon industry by refusing to accept the principles of peace. I therefore appeal to every employer in America, who wants to remain at peace, to look long and searching at every proposal to change the act which has helped so much to bring him peace."

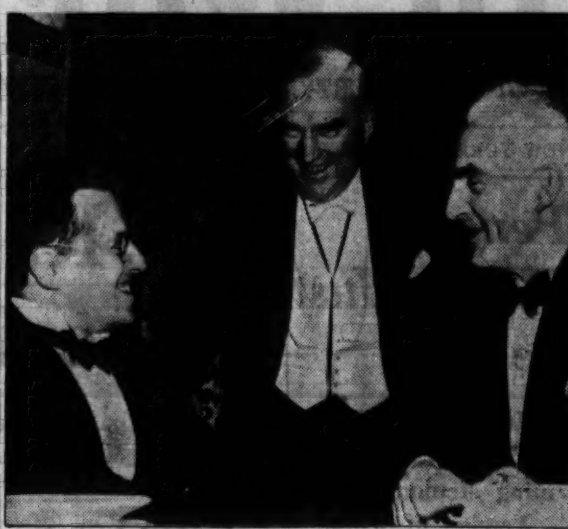
Negro History Talk

Tomorrow night there will be a forum at 44 Avenue C (between 3rd and 4th Streets). Irving Cress, Literature Director N. Y. State Committee, Communist Party, will speak on the topic: "The History of the American Negroes."

The forum will start at 8:30 P.M.

Miss Odgers spent the past two years as administrator of the children's colonies in Spain, and has had a great deal of experience in caring for children. During the evacuation from Spain into France,

Soviet World's Fair Dinner



COLLABORATION between the Soviet Union and the United States is essential for the preservation of world peace, Constantine Oumansky, Charge d'Affaires of the U.S.S.R., stressed Thursday night at a dinner for the Soviet Fair architects. With Oumansky in the photo are Stephen F. Voorhes, chairman of the Board of Design of the Fair, and Edward C. Carter, secretary-general of the Institute of Pacific Relations.

—Daily Worker Staff Photo

Lincoln Vets Held In France Are Penniless

Urgent Plea Is Made to Supply Boys With Necessities

One hundred and twenty veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, now in LeHavre, have gone without cigarettes and pocket money for two weeks, the Friends of the Lincoln Brigade learned by cable yesterday (Thursday).

It costs the Friends \$2,000 a week to maintain the men, most of whom are foreign-born Americans who must wait weeks and months until the immigration red-tape is cut and they are allowed to re-enter the United States.

"Imperative we have \$2,000 immediately to pay all bills," the cable from Peter Rhodes, Paris representative of the Friends declared. "Two thousand received over week-end cleared most debts but men in LeHavre have been without pocket money, smokes for two weeks. Maintenance bill again unpaid."

An appeal to all people who have in the past two years financially supported the veterans was issued by Lieut. Col. John Gates, executive secretary of the Friends. The address of the Friends is 125 West 45th St., New York City.

British-Colonial Defense Meeting For Pacific Opens

WELLINGTON, N. Z., April 14 (UP).—Governor-General Viscount Galway opened today the conference for imperial defense in the Pacific, which will consider in a week-long series of private meetings problems of common British-Colonial concern in the Pacific, with particular stress on defense.

Prime Minister Michael J. Savage was chairman of the conference, which met in the Parliament House. Britain was represented by Sir Harry Batterbee, High Commissioner for the Western Pacific, and representatives of the army and navy air forces.

Submarines In Soviet Fleet Install Movies

(By Cable to the Daily Worker) MOSCOW, April 4.—Narrow-film sound movie projectors have been installed on Red Navy submarines of the Baltic and Black Sea fleets and underwater showings of popular films have already been given.

By the end of the year, these projectors will have been installed in a majority of Red submarines.

Arms via Highway

SHANGHAI, April 14 (ICN).—Since April 1st, all military equipment coming from abroad has been transported to the interior of China via the Burma-Yunnan and Annam-Kwangsi highways. During the past few days, 200 heavy field guns, 1,000 machine guns and 300 military trucks were delivered to China.

In a letter to the Foster Parents' Plan, accepting the appointment, Miss Odgers described the plight of the children now in French concentration camps.

DESERIES FLIGHT "In the horse stables, close to Biarritz, more than 600 Spanish refugees are quartered. There are over 300 children. Six children have

U.S.-Spanish Groups Meet in Calif., April 28

Economic and Cultural Ties to Be Stressed in 3-Day Session

LOS ANGELES, April 14.—The first Mexican and Spanish American People's Congress will be held here April 28, 29 and 30, the organization's National Coordinating Committee announced today.

Its purpose is two-fold: 1. To improve the economic, social and cultural condition of Spanish speaking people in the United States; and 2. To bring them into closer contact with the Americans among whom they are living.

In preparation for the congress, state and sectional conferences are being held throughout the southwest.

Czech Political Leaders Jailed By Nazi Police

PRAGUE, April 14 (ICN).—Among the numerous leading Czech political figures arrested by the Gestapo are: Vaclav Klotek, 70 years old, member of the Czechoslovak Senate and founder of the Benes Party, former Minister for National Defense; Deputy Frana Zeminova and Senator Plaminkova, one of the women members; Communist Deputy Clementis, who has traveled to Paris and London many times in the past year to defend the unity of the Czechoslovak Republic; Dr. Zdenek Nejedly, 61, professor of musical history in Prague University.

Berlin Leaflets Answer Hitler's Reichstag Talk

BERLIN, April 14 (ICN).—Leaflets are circulating in Berlin answering Hitler's Reichstag speech of Jan. 30. These leaflets declare: "Hitler says, 'German people, export or perish!' We say, 'German people, overthrow Hitler and live!'"

German Workmen Fight 10-Hour Law

BERLIN, April 14 (ICN).—Resistance on the part of the workers against the government decreed ten-hour day is increasing by leaps and bounds.

So strong has this resistance grown, that employers do not dare to carry out the government's orders but deal with the question on the basis of overtime and overtime pay instead.

Although the workers get more pay for the ninth and tenth work hours on this basis, reports come in from most of the Berlin factories that production has not increased in spite of the longer work day. Slow down strikes have become prevalent.

VIENNA, via Paris. (ICN).—The wife of the world-famous Canadian opera singer, Alfred Piccaver, who appeared for many years in the Vienna Opera House and left Austria after its annexation by Nazi Germany, has just followed her husband out of the country. Just before she left, S. A. Storm Troopers broke into her home for an "inspection" and when they left, valuable jewelry was gone with them.

Back to Tin Cans BERLIN, April 14 (UP).—The Reich music chamber today ordered that all music which "stands in contradiction to the National Socialist will to Kultur" be listed as "undesirable and damaging."

Mme. Chiang Spurs China Aid Drive In America

Tells of Appreciation for Church Group Drive in Letter to Head

A letter from Madame Chiang Kai-shek to Dr. Wynn C. Fairfield, director of the Church Committee for China Relief, with national headquarters at 105 East 22nd Street, New York, and Far Eastern Secretary of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions of Boston, was made public here yesterday at the national headquarters of the Church Committee and also by Dr. Fairfield at a meeting of the Prudential Committee of the American Board in Boston.

She wrote the letter on her own portable typewriter and handed it to the Reverend George W. Shepherd, confidential advisor to the Generalissimo and Madame Chiang on the New Life Movement in China and missionary under the American Board, as Mr. Shepherd was leaving Chungking for the United States, to engage upon a speaking campaign on behalf of civilian relief in China.

In this letter of appreciation to Dr. Fairfield, for the humanitarian and life-saving relief activities of the Church Committee for China Relief, supported by voluntary contributions from Americans of many faiths and administered throughout China by the American Advisory Committee of Shanghai, on a non-sectarian, non-political basis, Madame Chiang Kai-shek, who is a graduate of Wellesley College, wrote in part:

"The Generalissimo and I wish to take this opportunity to express to you and your Prudential Committee (of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions) how very much we appreciate your sending to us Mr. Shepherd, and how greatly we value his loyal, untiring efforts and noteworthy contribution to the New Life Movement."

Commenting upon this letter of appreciation from Madame Chiang Kai-shek, Dr. Fairfield said: "One dollar a month will save a life in China, and the Church Committee for China Relief, with local committees functioning in about 1,000 communities throughout the United States, hopes to save at least one million lives of destitute children and adults in China."

Mayor of Lyons Names a Street 'Czech Boulevard'

LYONS, France, April 14 (ICN).—According to a decision made at the last meeting of the Municipal Council headed by Edouard Herriot, President of the Chamber of Deputies, who has been Mayor of Lyons since 1905 the third largest city in France is renaming one of its main streets to the Boulevard des Tchechoslovaques (Czechoslovak Boulevard) in tribute to the people whose Republic has been destroyed by German fascism.

Ex-Cabinet Ministers Appeal to Carol for National Unity

BUCHAREST, Rumania, April 14 (ICN).—Thirty-three former Rumanian Cabinet ministers—including ex-Premier Iuliu Maniu, the leader of the Peasant (National-Zarunist) party, and ex-Foreign Minister Micescu—have sent an appeal to King Carol to abandon the "one-party system" which he created, to permit free activity of the old parties and to form a government of national unity in view of the international situation and the threat to Rumania.

The signers of the appeal criticize Carol for not consulting the leaders of the old parties in regard to the negotiations with Germany. The appeal also informs Carol that his "Party of National Unification" has developed into a true totalitarian party and in no way can be considered an expression of the people.

Diana Bratianu, the leader of the National Liberal party and one of the signers of the appeal, was called into conference by Carol.

Nazi Storm Trooper 'Inspects' Home; Jewelry Disappears

VIENNA, via Paris. (ICN).—The wife of the world-famous Canadian opera singer, Alfred Piccaver, who appeared for many years in the Vienna Opera House and left Austria after its annexation by Nazi Germany, has just followed her husband out of the country. Just before she left, S. A. Storm Troopers broke into her home for an "inspection" and when they left, valuable jewelry was gone with them.

Back to Tin Cans BERLIN, April 14 (UP).—The Reich music chamber today ordered that all music which "stands in contradiction to the National Socialist will to Kultur" be listed as "undesirable and damaging."

The Chamber's president will make the final decisions.

Tokio Fails to Stem Chinese Yangtze Drive

Japanese Have Cause for Serious Alarm As Partisans Gain Over Wide Front In Juichow Area Near Nanchang

(By Cable to the Daily Worker) CHUNGKING, April 14.—The Japanese are seriously alarmed at the Chinese advance in Juichow district, south of the Yangtze River near Nanchang. The Japanese are concentrating their troops near Tacheng, between Juichow and Fengsin, in an effort to check the advance of the Chinese forces, and severe fighting is now taking place in this district.

The Chinese advance-guard detachments have already reached Fengsin and have surrounded the town.

Chinese troops succeeded in driving the Japanese invaders from several fortifications along the Singyan-Yunyang highway, on the borders of Hupeh and Hunan provinces.

On April 8th, Chinese regular troops which were operating in conjunction with Chinese partisans, drove the Japanese from Lushen, on the western shore of Lake Taihu, in the Shanghai-Hangchow area. Severe fighting continued all day, and both sides sustained heavy losses. The partisans gave a fine account of themselves in street fighting with the Japanese troops.

Part of the Japanese garrison succeeded in withdrawing from the town, but were surrounded and annihilated by the Chinese partisans.

(By Cable to the Daily Worker) CHUNGKING, China, April 14.—The spearhead of the Japanese column driving southwards from Koaan, south of Nanchang along the Central Yangtze river, were chopped off from their bases today by a quick Chinese flanking move.

Withdrawing from Koaan in the face of superior Japanese concentrations of troops and equipment, the Chinese took positions straddling the most important mountain pass south of the town. When the Japanese vanguard marched into the mountains, the Chinese turned the tables on the foe and cracked across the Japanese communications line.

USSR Honors Great French Revolution

Great Anniversary Topic of Many New Books, Lectures

(By Cable to the Daily Worker) MOSCOW, April 14.—The Academy of Sciences of the U.S.S.R. is marking the 150th anniversary of the Great French Revolution this year by holding a special session and organizing meetings in various cities.

The Academy is also publishing a number of new books on the French Revolution, including the second volume of "A World History" being issued by the Academy. This volume will be devoted completely to the Revolution of 1789-93 in France.

In Leningrad, Rostov, Baku, Tbilisi (Tiflis), Odessa, Frunze and other cities, historians will give lectures on the revolution, while the Institute of History attached to the Hermitage Museum in Leningrad is organizing an exhibition of literary, engravings, cartoons and other material from the period of the French Revolution.

Northwest of Nanchang, another battle is raging around the road center at Yining, where Chinese columns have pounded into the outskirts of the city. Latest reports said the Chinese were attacking Yining proper.

Fierce fighting was reported about Canton, in South China, as Chinese launched drives from the north and east towards the city. Chinese in the Hwasian and Tchang-shinhsien sectors were reported to have taken a heavy toll of Japanese.

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NLRB Raps Revision Of Wagner Act as Peril To Democracy

359-Page Report Condemns Walsh Amendments Backed By Green; Sees Threat to Trade Unions; Denies 'One-Side' Charge

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"possible serious abuse," the Board said that "study should be given the feasibility of granting the right of petition subject to specific safeguards."

2. Although disagreeing with the various amendments now pending on the question of determining the appropriate bargaining unit, the Board suggested that the Labor Committee study whether it is "practically feasible" to devise legislation which will define the proper unit for collective bargaining.

3. The Board denounced proposals taking away the power of the Board to set aside contracts as "not only inadvisable but destructive of the basic principles of the act." At the same time the Board suggested that the question of giving notice when contracts are invalidated and permitting all parties involved to take part in hearings be given further consideration.

4. The Board said that the committee should consider setting a 10-day minimum before hearings on complaints may be held instead of the present five-day minimum. Pending proposals are for 15 to 20-day minimums.

The Board reserved its strongest criticism for the various changes that the act is "unfair" to employers and should be "equalized." These proposals are contained primarily in the Burke amendments which are sponsored directly by the N. A. M., and other big business groups, but the Walsh amendments which are backed by President William Green of the A. F. of L., also would give the employer "freedom of expression" and power to petition for elections.

"Let us consider this situation in a little more detail," the Board said. "In the first place, individuals possessing capital had the uncontested right—were in fact encouraged by the law—to poll their resources and engage in collective action through-out assumption of the corporate form. And corporations themselves were permitted to band together for the purpose of presenting a united front to labor on matters of wages, hours, and working conditions."

BARE BOSS METHODS

"These rights of employers were neither questioned by the law nor challenged by labor. In the second place, the employer possessed highly effective methods, none forbidden by the law, for destroying organization among his employees. Discharge, blacklisting, espionage, yellow-dog contracts, company unions, were but a few of the weapons available to him for such purposes."

"And thirdly the employer's business and property were affirmatively protected against interference from his employees by the whole structure of the criminal law and the local police force, as well as by the labor injunction."

"The employee, on the other hand, had the bare legal right of self-organization and nothing more. Concededly helpless as an individual, he found collective action readily thwarted in practice by the economic superiority of his employer. And he found little assistance, in protecting his job and the standards under which he worked, in police regulation or the injunctive process."

PURPOSE OF ACT

"The purpose of the act was to relieve, at least in part, this glaring inequality. It did so by forbidding the employer to use his economic power to interfere with and destroy the right of self-organization of his employees. The act thus merely placed employer and employee upon a plane of equality in one limited respect—freedom in law and in practice to organize for collective action."

"None of the other legal rights of employer were taken from him: The right of collective action by employers and the right to protection in his business through police regulation and the injunction were unaffected by the act. Since the act thus merely restores a partial equality, where great impartiality existed before, it is difficult to see how it can be termed 'one-sided.'"

BELIES 'ONE-SIDEDNESS'

"It is true that the act imposes obligations only upon employers, rather than employees," the Board continued. "But to attribute 'one-sidedness' to the act for that reason is patently superficial and unrealistic. The inequality which the act sought to remedy grew out of employer interference with the self-organization of employees. Congress found no corresponding threat by employees to the self-organization of employers."

After disposing of the charge that it is "unfair" to employers, the La-

bor Board tackled the complaint that it has discriminated against the A. F. of L. and in favor of the CIO.

With the aid of charts and detailed case histories, the Board showed that both the CIO and the A. F. of L. have been treated equally. Most of the figures regarding the two labor organizations were practically identical. CIO charges of unfair labor practices, for example, had been dismissed in 41.5 per cent of all cases while 40.5 per cent of A. F. of L. cases were dismissed without merit. Thus giving the A. F. of L. a slight edge.

In regard to the speed with which cases are handled, the A. F. of L. was also slightly ahead. The figures showed that it took the Board 262 days to reach a final decision on the average A. F. of L. complaint case as against 334 days to dispose of the average CIO case.

The Board found in examining the trend of industrial disputes that strikes have diminished sharply ever since the Wagner Act was upheld by the Supreme Court in April, 1937.

"Validation of the act had a marked effect upon this relationship of strikes to Board cases," the Board said. "During April, 1937, the month of the Supreme Court decision, the number of cases filed with the Board almost equaled the number of strikes, and for each of the 22 months since then Board cases have exceeded the number of strikes."

"For each month since June, 1937, workers involved in Board cases have also exceeded workers involved in strikes. At the present time, the ratio of number of Board cases and workers involved, to number of strikes and workers involved, is approximately 3 to 1."

HITS BURKE, WALSH ACTS

Getting down to specific amendments, the Board was unsparring of the provisions in both the Burke and Walsh amendments to give employers "freedom of expression" in advising workers on union issues. Referring to the Walsh version of this proposal, the Board said:

"These proposals would give the employer freedom to interfere with self-organization and collective bargaining, though ostensibly attempting to prevent some of the worst abuses of such interference," the Board said.

"More particularly, they would enable the employer to encourage and support one labor organization at the expense of all others. We believe that these proposals are unnecessary to remedy any abuse in the act or its interpretation by the Board or the courts, that they would increase, rather than alleviate industrial strife, that they will in the long run benefit neither industry nor any labor group, that they will lead to a tremendous growth of company unionism, that they will in short destroy freedom of self-organization and restore many of the conditions prevailing before passage of the act."

The Board disputed the provision in the Walsh amendments which would forbid invalidation of contracts with unions which are under the thumb of employers even though they may not be technically styled company unions.

"A contract entered into by an employer with the freely chosen representatives of his employees is plainly legitimate. But a contract made with a labor organization that has been corrupted by the employer's unfair labor practices serves only to perpetuate the effect of such practices and thwart the real desires of the employees in self-organization."

"This is especially true of a closed-shop contract, which by its terms compels all employees to join the favored organization or be discharged. For this reason the act provides and the Board has consistently held that a closed-shop contract made with a labor organization established, maintained or assisted by the employer's unfair labor practices was void."

In a critical discussion of the provisions of the Walsh amendments to force the Board to recognize each craft group as a separate bargaining unit, the Board pointed out that this provision would thwart the desires of many A. F. of L. unions.

A. F. of L. locals have asked for industrial units in 210 cases and for craft unions in only 100 cases, the Board said.

The Board discussed in detail the proposals in the Burke amendments to equalize the act so as to aid employers by putting restrictions on unions.

Rapping Burke's proposal to set up a series of "unfair labor practices" which employees may not use against employers, the Board said that this would constitute "an open invitation to employers to engage in the most aggravated form of unfair labor practices in order to provoke retaliation by the employees."

If the workers did retaliate, the employers would then be excused from law violations, according to the Burke amendment.

'Death Watch' Set Up Before Whalen Office

24-Hr. Picket Line Hits World Fair Bias On Negro Employment

The Greater New York Coordinating Committee for Employment organized its first 24-hour picket line Thursday, when an average of 25 Negro and white persons, bearing placards with slogans denouncing discrimination in the employment of Negroes at the New York World's Fair, marched all night in front of the Empire State Building, 360 Fifth Ave., where Grover Whalen, president of the Fair Corporation, has offices.

Passersby were almost unanimous in their expressions of sympathy with the pickets, many persons stopping to ask questions and read the slogans. Some of the slogans read: "The American Labor Party Condemns Racial Discrimination By the World's Fair Corporation"; "We Buy Goods—We Want Jobs"; "Mr. Whalen, Make the World's Fair Fair to Negroes."

GROUPS BACK PICKETS

Organizations represented in the all-night picket line were the Consolidated Tenants League, the Harlem Big Brothers Association, Lafayette Theatre, Modern Trend (YMCA youth body), Tryloners Social and Civic Club, Federal Writers Project, Welders Club, Dunbar Housewives League, Visiting Teachers League, League of American Writers, Harlem Cultural Conference and the Frederick Douglass Society of City College.

At nearly three o'clock Friday morning a group of players from Mamba's Daughters joined the pickets.

Mrs. Audrey Moore, Dr. Chester Chinn and Ellis Williams were in charge of the pickets, who, according to the unsolicited testimony of police on duty, were well-disciplined and law-abiding.

At the end of the 24-hour stretch the Coordinating Committee again set in motion its regular two-hour daily picket lines, one at each of the three entrances to the building. Picketing will continue, the committee declares, until Whalen alters his policy of job discrimination.

YCL Flying Squadrons Set To Spur Parley

To Visit CP Meetings April 18, 25 With Invitations

Flying squadrons of Young Communist League members will visit Communist Party branch meetings on April 18 and April 25 with special invitations to the opening of the Ninth National YCL convention in Madison Square Garden, Tuesday, May 11.

The purpose of the visits, according to John Little, executive secretary, N. Y. States YCL, is to acquaint the Party membership with the aims, program and scope of the forthcoming convention.

More than 1,000 delegates are expected to attend the convention, the slogan of which is "Reshaping the World of Tomorrow."

Special seat prices have been arranged for Party members attending the opening session at the Garden. These are 65 cents and \$1.10.

Main speakers at the opening session will be Earl Browder, General Secretary, Communist Party, U. S. A., Angelo Herndon, YCL Vice-President, and Lieut. Col. John Gates, Executive Secretary, Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade.

A swing musical review entitled "Shirley Temple is a Red" will be presented.

Three Convicted In Fraud Give Up In Federal Court

Three former officers of the State Title and Mortgage Company, convicted more than a year ago on charges of mail fraud and the sale of \$70,000,000 worth of mortgage certificates, surrendered in Federal Court today to serve their sentences.

They are John Dillard, president, sentenced to 18 months; Edmund J. Donegan, vice-president and treasurer, sentenced to a year and a day; and Max N. Koven, vice-president, sentenced to a year and a day.

The officials had been free under two extensions of parole while reportedly attempting to obtain a pardon from President Roosevelt.

Boston Pin Boys Go On Strike for Raise

BOSTON, April 14 (UP).—The pin-boys went on strike today. Over 500 of them, picketed nearly 100 Boston allies affiliated with the New England Bowling Association. Member of the Alley and Pin Boys Local of the Building Service Workers International, they struck yesterday for a cent-a-strike pay increase.

Operators Threaten Coal Famine



MAYOR LAGUARDIA CONFERES with John L. Lewis during negotiations between United Mine Workers and the bituminous coal operators which have been deadlocked by the die-hard attitude of the operators. The Mayor indicated that the owners' intransigence threatened New York City with a coal famine.

Launch Drive To Organize Western Union

Demonstration Shows Danger to Jobs in Machine Set-up

Beginning a concerted drive to organize the workers of Western Union into the American Communications Association, CIO, union representatives yesterday conducted a picket line and meeting in front of the Western Union building 160 West Broadway, eliciting the sympathetic participation of more than 200 workers.

The picket line began at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and culminated in the street meeting, at which representatives of the ACA and other CIO unions presented the threat to the Western Union workers in the projected "merger and mechanization" of the telegraph industry.

In the picket line a coffin was carried marked "Death of 20,000 Morse Jobs."

Stress was laid upon the similar threat to the jobs of all teletype operators.

Speakers who addressed the street meeting were Joe Kehoe, national director of the Western Union Organizing Committee of the American Communications Association, Mike Clume, member of the International Executive Board of the Transport Workers Union, John Stanley, of the United Office and Professional Workers of America, Phil Salaf, of the American Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians and Rose Fishgold, member of the executive board of the Western Union Local 36-B, ACA.

Queens Utilities Company Starts New Rates Today

The Queens Borough Gas & Electric Company has withdrawn its Supreme Court action to test the validity of rate reductions ordered by the Public Service Commission last December, and will institute new reduced rates retroactive to last Jan. 1, it was announced today.

Edward F. Barrett, president of the company, stated that the new rates will be filed on or before April 15.

The Public Service Commission, in issuing its order last December, estimated that the lowered rates would cut electric consumers' bills by \$520,000 to \$350,000 annually.

Express Hope for New Method for Treating Cancer

WASHINGTON, April 14 (UP).—The government-sponsored National Cancer Institute today reported "much encouragement" in the treatment of cancer as a result of experiments with a cyclotron at the University of California.

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Precedent Set In CIO Victory In Hearn Case

Wins Arbitration On Religious Holiday Pay Issue

In the first decision of its kind handed down in the Department Store Field, all employees at the Hearn's 14th Street and Bronx Stores, will be granted two days off for religious purposes, in an arbitration award granted today.

The award came as a result of an adjustment of contract between the Department Store Employees Union, Local 1250, CIO, affiliated with the United Retail and Wholesale Employees of America, and the Hearn Department Stores, Inc.

Representing the union at the Arbitration were Charles Michelson, president; Oscar Grauer, vice-president; George Melsler, secretary-treasurer and a committee from the store. Representing the management, were Sidney M. Louis, vice-president, and treasurer; Arthur B. Begam, store manager and C. H. Smith, personnel director.

Also granted in the award was a reduction from a 45-hour, six day week to a 37½-hour, five-day week for the summer months of July and August. Vacations with pay will continue with additional safeguards which will increase the number of employees entitled to vacations.

The award further provides for adjustments affecting various departments in the stores and also stipulates that the minimum wage for permanent employees shall be \$17 per week for non-selling employees, and \$17 per week with a guaranteed \$1 per week commission for selling employees. Seasonal or temporary employees may be employed at a minimum of \$16 per week for the first 90 days after which time they shall receive the regular minimum wage.

4 States' Police Hunt 3 Youthful Gunmen, Molls

PORTLAND, Ore., April 14 (UP).—State police, ordered to "shoot to kill," patrolled Oregon highways to-night while authorities of Washington, Idaho and California cooperated in a hunt for three young desperadoes, one seriously wounded, and their three gun "molls."

An automobile believed used by the bandits when they fled suburban Sylvan after terrorizing five persons whom they had held prisoner five hours, was found abandoned near Portland.

They broke into the home of Charles Davis, Jr., Williamette University student, last night a few minutes after fighting a running gun duel with Patrolman W. L. Brian of Portland.

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Air Mechanics Strike 99% Effective; Union Blasts Press Lies

Martin, President of Union, Denies Reports of Minority Walkout; 43 Airports Are Effected; Passengers Cancel Bookings

Arlin P. Martin, President of the Air Line Mechanics Association, denied press reports yesterday which stated that only a minority of mechanics of the big Eastern Air Lines had walked out on strike.

Martin declared at his Newark N. J. headquarters at the Hotel Douglas that the strike was at least "ninety per cent effective," and that the small group of scabs retained by the line were not in a position to service the planes.

The mechanics walked out one minute after midnight Thursday, demanding wage increases and collective bargaining with the line, which is headed by World War flier Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker.

43 AIRPORTS AFFECTED

The tie-up affects 43 airport terminals of the Eastern Air Line. The system employees approximately 250 mechanics.

The Air Line Mechanics Association is an independent union, with headquarters in Chicago.

On the eve of the strike, officials of the union cautioned the mechanics to walk out peacefully and leave all tools and equipment on the grounds. The union warned against any attempts of company elements or others to incite to violence or sabotage.

Meanwhile, from Washington, Civil Aeronautics Authority inspectors said they were watching the situation closely, explaining:

"The Authority's attitude is one of watchful waiting and the safeguarding of the flying public from any side of the situation. This applies to making sure that the aircraft are in airworthy condition and flown by pilots with certificates of competency issued by the Authority and maintained by mechanics holding comparable ratings."

Strikers reported that many passengers who had previously booked tickets for flights were cancelling them because of the walkout.

President Martin reported that in Newark, 37 out of the 38 mechanics at that airport had joined the strike.

Pilots of the Eastern Air Line, it was understood, urged the line to settle with the mechanics before the tie-up occurred.

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America Will Stand By Neighbors and For World Peace, President Declares in Declaration To Fascist Bloc

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based on force-politics, or the abrogation of the underlying principle of justice, tolerance, and law."

The new world structure, Hull continued, is not based on vast armaments or the "balance of power" seemingly so important in the European scheme. Like Mr. Roosevelt, he emphasized that the reigning peace in the Western Hemisphere reflects no weakness, but rather a potent and constructive force.

BROADCAST TO WORLD

"The devotion of this Hemisphere to an organization grounded on juridical equality of all nations," Hull said, "on respect for sovereignty of each, and on an understanding so complete that every question can be dealt with by reason and peaceful discussion. This is the free choice of all of us; a true choice, since other alternatives are open."

Mr. Roosevelt's remarks, broadcast throughout the world in six languages, stressed the right of the new world to criticize and oppose dictatorial rule and aspirations wherever they are manifested and he rejected forcefully the contention of totalitarian leaders and congressional isolationists that European affairs are "none of our business."

"The American family of nations

Erickson Bares Officials In Graft Reported

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was ordered to be closely watched and that the detectives were assigned to follow him.

Mayor LaGuardia, questioned about Erickson earlier in the day at his special office at Central Park Arsenal, said:

"The mere fact that he is talking to a city official tells the story. We'll see how much help he wants to give to law enforcement agencies."

When it was pointed out that the gambler came to the city from Florida, the Mayor added:

"I think he ought to go back to Florida. We don't want the bum here at all or other punks like him."

Reporters then rushed from the Arsenal downtown to Mr. Herland's office where it was believed Erickson would be placed under arrest.

Mr. Herland looked pleased, but had little to say. He said that Erickson had not been arrested and would not explain the reason for the presence of the large detective detachment.

"Frank A. Erickson has been examined under oath," he said. "The hearing is adjourned until 2 o'clock Monday afternoon at which time the hearing will be resumed. Until the examination is completed it would be improper to make any further comment."

Asked if he had questioned Erickson about alleged connections with Kings County Judge George W. Martin, now under indictment by Special Prosecutor John Harlan Amen, Mr. Herland said: "No comment."

Present in Mr. Herland's office aiding him during the investigation were Police Inspectors Charles P. Mooney and Michael F. McDermott.

Milton D. Lifset, assistant district attorney on Mr. Amen's staff, was present as an observer.

Mr. Herland was assisted by John M. McCloskey, his legal assistant. A transcript of the Erickson testimony is expected to be submitted to Prosecutor Amen.

Dies Committee Hit By Women's College Ass'n.

WASHINGTON, April 14 (UP).—The American Association of University Women asserted today that the House Committee Investigating Un-American Activities used undemocratic methods in its inquiry into activities of Communist, fascist and Nazi groups in the United States.

In a letter to Committee Chairman Martin Dies, D. Tex., the association said that continuation of such procedure in its future work "would go far to nullify civil liberties and would be destructive to that democracy for which we all care."

Honor Doran Today

In tribute to the memory of Dave Doran, heroic Major of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, who was killed by the fascists in Spain, just one year ago the Honor Society which bears his name, is inviting its membership to a tea at the Keynote Club, 201 W. 52nd St. today, at 2 o'clock.

TEXT OF ROOSEVELT'S PAN-AMERICAN DAY ADDRESS

WASHINGTON, April 14 (UP).—The text of President Roosevelt's Pan-American day address:

The American family of nations may honor today to the oldest and most successful association of sovereign governments which exists in the world.

Few of us realize that the Pan-American organization as we know it has now attained a longer history and a greater catalogue of achievements than any similar group known to modern history.

Justly we can be proud of it. With even more right we can look to it as a symbol of great hope at a time when much of the world finds hope dim and difficult. Never was it more fitting to salute Pan-American day than in the stormy present.

For upwards of half a century the republics of the western world have been working together to promote their common civilization under a system of peace. That venture, launched so hopefully fifty years ago, has succeeded; the American family is today a great cooperative group facing a troubled world in serenity and calm.

This success of the Western Hemisphere is sometimes attributed to good fortune. I do not share that view. There are not wanting here all of the usual rivalries, all of the normal human desires for power and expansion, all of the commercial problems. The Americas are sufficiently rich to have been themselves the object of desire on the part of overseas governments; our traditions in history are as deeply rooted in the old world as are those of Europe.

It was not accident that prevented South America, and our own west, from sharing the fate of other great areas of the world in the nineteenth century. We have here diversities of race, of language, of custom, of natural resources, and of intellectual forces at least as great as those which prevailed in Europe.

What was it that has protected us from the tragic involvements which are today making the Old World a new cockpit of old struggles? The answer is easily found. A new, and powerful ideal—that of the community of nations—sprang up at the same time that the Americas became free and independent. It was nurtured by statesmen, thinkers and plain people for decades. Gradually it brought together the Pan-American group of governments; today it has fused the thinking of the peoples, and the desires of their responsible representatives toward a common objective.

The result of this thinking has been to shape a typically American institution. This is the Pan-American group, which works in open conference, by open agreement. We hold our conferences not as a result of wars, but as the result of our will to peace.

Elsewhere in the world, to hold conferences such as ours, which meet every five years, it is necessary to fight a major war, until exhaustion or defeat at length brings governments together to reconstruct their shattered fabrics.

Greeting a conference at Buenos Aires in 1936, I took occasion to say:

"The madness of a great war in another part of the world would affect us and threaten our good in a hundred ways. And the economic collapse of any nation or nations must of necessity harm our own prosperity. Can we, the republics of the New World, help the Old World to avert the catastrophe

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The issue is really whether our civilization is to be dragged into the tragic vortex of unending militarism punctuated by periodic wars, or whether we shall be able to maintain the ideal of peace, individuality and civilization as the fabric of our lives. We have the right to say that there shall not be an organization of world affairs which permits us no choice but to turn our countries into barracks, unless we are to be vassals of some conquering empire.

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Office Union Opens Organization Drive

More Than 5,000 Jam Meeting In Manhattan Center to Hear Thomas, Quill, Heywood and Merrill; Lewis Sends Greetings to Gathering

Launching a drive to organize the office workers under the banner of the CIO, and shattering the recent press publicity that there is disunity in their ranks, more than 5,000 members of the United Office and Professional Workers attended a membership meeting at Manhattan Center Thursday night, while 1,000 others were unable to crowd in.

The doors of the jammed ballroom were shut at 8:30 when every available seat was taken.

The meeting was addressed by R. J. Thomas, President of the United Automobile Workers; Allan S. Haywood, President of the State Industrial Union Council; Lewis Merrill, International President of the office union and Michael J. Quill, Councilman and President of the Transport Workers Union.

LEWIS SENDS GREETINGS

Among the telegrams of greetings to the meeting there was a message from John L. Lewis, CIO head, who wired that "the CIO has great confidence" in the office of 45,000 in 59 cities. "It believes that you have the capability of bringing the office and professional workers of the country to the benefits of collective bargaining."

"Your international union has already demonstrated that it has the capacity to do the job," Lewis wired. One of the high points at the meeting was the demonstration that greeted the suggestion of Merrill that the members of the locals in the Joint Council of the Office Union, undertake to recruit 3,000 new members within the next three months.

Another demonstration came during Merrill's speech when he referred to the victory of Insurance Agents' Local 30, whose fight for collective bargaining with the Metropolitan was upheld by the State Supreme Court. When he reported of the unity that has been retained in that local despite disruptive efforts there, several hundred insurance agents, carrying banners, marched out through aisles to the cheers of the audience.

DISRUPTORS DENOUNCED

Merrill reported of the union's progress nationally. He denounced sharply the tactics of the handful of disruptors, of some employees in offices of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, and a collection of Trotskyites, Lovestones and some Socialists who recently left the union's ranks. An organization drive will be the best answer to the much-publicized campaign aiming to split the union, he said.

Haywood assured the office workers that the disrupters were good riddance. The union will now be able to make far more rapid headway. Thomas likened the collection of disrupters that had just been separated from the office union to the group that supported ousted Homer Martin in his union.

The mass meeting adopted a resolution unanimously opposing any amendments to the Wagner Labor Relations Act.

Health Group Issues Report On Vital Needs

Health Ass'n Reports on Vital Medical Plans In Year's Program

Pointing out that there are only 244 hospital beds available for convalescent cardiac children in New York City the New York Tuberculosis and Health Association yesterday declared that correction of this deficit would be one of the activities of this year's program.

In a report for the year's activities, Ogden Woodruff, president of the Association, announced that eleven thousand requests for guidance in health problems had been received by the Personal Information Service of the Association last year.

Additional hospitals for the tuberculous, especially in Upper Manhattan, were listed among the leading objectives of the present campaign.

FORM SYMPHILIS CLINICS

The Association reported that a social hygiene study resulted in the formation of an Association of Syphilis Clinics for the improvement and standardization of treatment given patients in venereal disease clinics.

The Association, which conducts a public health program for the heart diseases, reported that its activities in this field included efforts for the maintenance of high standards of service in cardiac clinics, research into the natural history of the diseases of the heart, and preparation of a fourth edition of the "Criteria for the Classification and Diagnosis of Heart Disease," a book nationally used by physicians and medical students.

In the field of dental care, the report stated, arrangements were made for the treatment of underprivileged children, mostly of high school age, for whom no public dental services were available.

The major part of the Association's health education program in Manhattan, it was reported, was conducted in health centers in cooperation with the Department of Health. A study entitled "The Present Trend in Case Fatality Rates in Tuberculosis," prepared by the Association's statistician, was accorded international attention because of its bearing upon the modern treatment of tuberculosis.

Among the Association's present objectives, the report listed the need for more hospital beds for the tuberculous, the problem of caring for children with rheumatic heart disease, closer coordination among the City's voluntary health agencies.

Trainmen Cancel Dance Because of Hotel Strike

Although the union has gone to much expense in arranging its Annual Spring Dance first scheduled at the Governor Clinton Hotel next Saturday, the J. F. McGrath, Lodge 162 of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, announced that because of the strike at the former, the event was transferred to the Edison Hotel.

The New York Hotel Trades Council is conducting a strike of 400 workers at the Clinton for a union contract.

Australia Trains Men



A LAND MINE sends earth spouting 100 feet into the air after being set off by men of the Royal Australian Engineers during a training period at their camp at Portsea, at the entrance to Port Phillip Bay, Victoria.

2nd May Day Conference Call Issued For Virgin Is.

98 AFL and CIO Unions Petitions to Be Sent to President Roosevelt From Meeting

The call to the second United May Day Conference to be held on April 22 at 1 P.M. at the Hotel Center, 108 W. 43rd St., N. Y. C., was issued today by Louis Weinstein, President of Painters District Council No. 9, AFL. He was elected Chairman of the United May Day Committee at its initial Conference last Saturday.

The other officers elected were: Rockwell Kent, President of the United American Artists Local 60, United Office and Professional Workers union, CIO, as First Vice-President of the National Maritime Union, CIO, as Second Vice-Chairman; Alexander Hoffman, General Manager of Cleaners and Dyers Local 239, A.C.W.U., CIO, as Secretary-Treasurer; and David Leeds, as Director.

"Delegates from 98 AFL and CIO trade unions and from 300 fraternal, civic and religious organizations and workers' clubs enthusiastically adopted a plan for a United May Day Parade at a conference held on Saturday, April 8, at the Hotel Center," the call read.

"This conference was truly a demonstration of the desire for unity on the part of New York labor. These delegates, representing over 800,000 organized workers of New York, came together in order to make the New York May Day Parade an event reflecting the gigantic upsurge of the trade union movement and the achievements of organized labor in securing a better life for millions of American workers."

Slattery Takes Lewis' Place In U. S. Senate

Horner Appoints Illinois New Dealer for Rest Of 6-Year Term

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 14 (UP). — James Slattery, Chairman of the Illinois Commerce Commission and a Democrat who is described as "sympathetic" to President Roosevelt's policies, today was named by Gov. Henry Horner to fill the unexpired term of the late U. S. Sen. James Hamilton Lewis.

Lewis, Democratic whip, died at Washington Sunday night. Slattery, 60, a Chicagoan, was educated at the Y.M.C.A. night school in Chicago and the Illinois College of Law. He began legal practice in 1908 and has been Chairman of the Commerce Commission since his appointment by Horner in 1936.

He has indicated he would be friendly toward President Roosevelt's legislative program with some reservations.

FRIEND OF NEW DEAL

Horner, announcing his appointment, said:

"I know he will represent Illinois with great ability and dignity. I greatly regret that this appointment will often-times deprive me of the opportunity to receive his advice and counsel on state affairs due to his absence in Washington."

A close friend described him as "a man who thinks pretty well for himself, is sympathetic to the humanitarian policies of the Roosevelt administration but is not necessarily to be termed what is called a 'staunch New Dealer'."

A year ago he had charge of U. S. Sen. Scott W. Lucas' campaign in Cook County and in the recent mayoralty primary was friendly to Mayor Edward J. Kelly.

During his term as commerce commission chairman light, gas and power rate reductions amounting to more than \$23,000,000 have been effected.

Blaze In L.I. Tube Ties Up Traffic, Perils Travelers

Fire broke out in a three-car work train on one of the East River tubes of the Long Island Railroad today and firemen had to string almost half a mile of hose to reach the burning train.

The blaze at first threatened a tieup of commuter trains but railroad officials were able to maintain schedules within five minutes of normal by routing traffic through three other tubes.

Smoke from the fire 100 feet under Lexington Avenue and 33rd Street seeped into the waiting rooms of the Pennsylvania Station and the 34th Street station of the West Side I.R.T. subway.

3 Unions Map Aid In Tanker Strike

Radio Operators, Engineers and Shipbuilders Organize Support for NMU Men; Final Plans Made for Walkout

Three other marine unions took steps yesterday to organize support for the National Maritime Union tanker strike scheduled to begin midnight Monday, April 17, against six oil companies.

Roy A. Pyle, Vice-President, American Communications Association; Edward P. Trainor, Business Manager, Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association, and Paul Kyperlands, Local 22, Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers, met with the NMU Strike Policy Committee at NMU headquarters, 126 11th Ave.

With Pyle were H. P. Jensen, Wayne Paschal and Robert Kay, all of the Marine Division, A. C. A. The Strike Policy Committee outlined the steps being taken to initiate the strike Monday night. Representatives of the three other marine unions left to report to their organizations and poll their respective memberships on the question of supporting the N. M. U.

They assured the Strike Policy Committee, however, that there was little doubt as to the support—although they could not give concrete assurances on the extent or nature of that support.

At 10:30 A. M. today N. M. U. agents in Atlantic District ports will meet at 126 11th Ave. to discuss strike strategy. Simultaneously Gulf agents will meet in New Orleans.

The companies against whom the strike is being called are Standard Oil of New Jersey, Socony Vacuum Oil Co., Gulf Refining Co., Pennsylvania Shipping Co., C. D. Mallory Co., and the Tidewater Oil Co. All told, these companies operate 184 ships employing some 5,800 men.

Negotiations continued today between the N. M. U. and the four companies which have accepted the union's preferential hiring compromise. These are the Pan American Petroleum Co., Kellogg Steamship Co., B. L. Shipping Co., and the Bulk Carriers Corp.

The next question before the negotiators and these four companies now is that of wage increases which, with extension of the overtime principle and preferential hiring

PICKET CARDS READY

The four companies still negotiating operate 18 ships employing some 600 men.

Meanwhile strike preparations went forward today. Picket cards and "clearance" cards are being printed and will be distributed tomorrow. Picket cards will be distributed to strikers as they come off the ships.

Port strike committees are being set up in each of the ports on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts in which the N. M. U. has branches. They are: Portland, Me.; Boston, Mass.; Fall River, Mass.; Providence, R. I.; New York, N. Y.; Marcus Hook, Pa.; Philadelphia, Pa.; Baltimore, Md.; Norfolk, Va.; Newport News, Va.; Wilmington, N. C.; Charleston, S. C.; Savannah, Ga.; Miami, Fla.; Tampa, Fla.; Jacksonville, Fla.; Mobile, Ala.; New Orleans, La.; Baton Rouge, La.; Beaumont, Texas; Houston, Texas; Baytown, Texas; Port Arthur, Texas; Galveston, Texas; Corpus Christi, Texas; Aransas Pass, Texas.

President Signs \$100,000,000 WPA Measure

WASHINGTON, April 14 (UP). — The White House announced today that Mr. Roosevelt yesterday signed the \$100,000,000 deficiency appropriation bill to provide funds for operation of WPA until the end of the fiscal year on June 30. Although congress had rejected Mr. Roosevelt's urgent requests for \$150,000,000 he signed the measure without comment.

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CITY MUST ALSO BALANCE SOCIAL BUDGET, SAYS C. P.

The following is the condensed text of the statement of the Communist Party of New York on the city budget presented Thursday before the Budget Commission by Isadore Begun, Party state committeeman:

"The budget of the City of New York affects the daily life, health and safety of every one of the inhabitants of our city. Moreover, it is of intense interest not only to those immediately affected, but is being watched by our entire state and by the nation. The success of the New York City progressive administration has been, and continues to be, an inspiration to advocates of the entire country. While in some instances it has been our duty to offer constructive criticism in regard to municipal affairs, it has been our consistent effort to support the progressive measures of the Mayor and his liberal administration.

"Democracy's best guarantee is its service in behalf of the welfare of the people. It is within this broad framework of social thought that we considered the executive budget. "While regretting the past mismanagement and corruption that at least partly accounts for the \$160,000,000 debt service item, that should be carefully scrutinized in view of the sacrifices demanded of others, we at this time make no recommendation thereto. We generally agree with the cuts and recommendations made in regard to the abolition of useless jobs. We also agree to making all savings possible in regard to salaries of over \$5,000 per year. But it is impossible to justify and condone the costly 'savings' made in social services to the people. Specifically there are eight departments which have been cut an approximate total of \$19,000,000. These cuts must be restored. The children, the aged and the sick cannot and must not be made budget-balancers.

"The legislature is in session; the Republican majority in both Senate and Assembly are pledged through party program and pre-election pledges to meet the needs of the people. The State has the power and the means to meet our needs and now is the time to do it. The people expect a fighting mayor to lead the way.

"What is necessary is the will to do so and the uncompromising struggle that the common people be not the victims of those who do not know hunger, suffering and want, and therefore loudly cry 'Economy'."

"The eight departments to which I have referred, and the amounts to be restored are as follows (these departmental requests are starvation figures and have already been cut to the bone):

"1. The Department of Hospitals request was cut approximately \$2,000,000. In some items, such as codes Nos. 2039, 2047, 2048, 2052, 2053, 2055 and 2066, there is even a cut of \$463,945 as compared to last year. We cannot take as our criterion of hospital care the old and murderous days of Tammany. The sick must not be the budget-balancers.

"2. The request of the Department of Health was cut approximately \$1,500,000. The items under code Nos. 1942, 1949, 1950, 1955, 1956 were reduced \$81,300 as compared to last year. The request for an additional \$245,000 for development of the Special Pneumonia Project was not granted.

"3. The request of the Department of Education was cut about \$8,184,000. It will mean that the crippled children, the tubercular, the underprivileged, become the victims. The children must not be made the budget-balancers.

"4. The request of the libraries has been cut about \$2,440,000. The opportunity for study and culture is thus again denied. It is the poor and the humble that use our public libraries. What we save in books we will pay back double and triple in striped uniforms, in disease and crime.

"5. The request of the Board of Child Welfare from the city was cut about \$1,500,000. It should be restored.

"6. The request of the Welfare Department for city funds was cut about \$500,000. This means cutting the modest requests of the Division of Dependent Children, the Old Age Division and the Division for the Blind.

"7. The request of the Board of Higher Education was cut \$2,000,000. The doors of higher learning must be opened wider.

"8. The request of the Housing Department was cut \$880,000. This department must expand. It must not be made the budget-balancer.

"These are the very minimum additions that must be made to the executive budget. They amount to approximately \$19,000,000. We cannot do with less. We actually need much more.

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The Tories Plot For the Coming Year

The Tories in the Senate are plotting an underhanded piece of strategy in order to kill WPA by next year.

Their plan calls for rushing the Byrnes Public Works Bill (S. 1265) to a vote before the relief appropriation for 1940 comes up. For the Byrnes Bill would practically destroy WPA under the guise of coordinating all relief. If the bill is passed, irreparable damage would be done. And the new appropriation would come too late to be of much use.

It is true that the relief setup does need revision, coordination and—above all—expansion. But the main problem is another appropriation to stop the 700,000 lay-offs this year (Rep. Coffee has just introduced a bill to restore the \$50,000,000 slashed by the Tories) and an adequate appropriation for the coming year. It is to consider these problems, which weigh heavily upon the conscience of the entire country, that the Workers Alliance has called a national right to work congress in Washington on May 27.

As for the problem of revising and coordinating the works program, this is an important matter but not one that can be disposed of hastily. It requires the most careful consideration and, above all, the approval of organized labor and of the unemployed. Probably Senator Wagner's proposal to revive the Federal Employment Stabilization Board as a long-range planning agency, is the best move for the present.

Meanwhile, the job of the moment is to kill the Byrnes Bill and to provide adequate appropriations for this and the coming year.

Guilty!

Through all the ominous warnings of a coal shortage, one fact stands out so that no one can miss it: the criminal responsibility of the coal operators.

On March 16, the miners, under the leadership of John L. Lewis, foresaw the possibility that discussions on the new contract might not be concluded by March 31. To prevent any interference with the production of coal, therefore, the miners submitted the following resolution to the joint conference of miners and operators:

"In order to allay any public apprehension concerning possibility of a suspension of mining operations in the bituminous coal industry due to expiration of existing wage agreements, this joint conference resolves that in the event no agreement is reached by March 31, 1939, that work in the industry shall be continued under the existing wages, conditions and contracts, pending continuance of negotiations and ultimate success or failure to agree on a new contract."

The resolution was rejected by the operators. By their refusal to permit the old contract to continue for a while, by their deliberate lockout of the miners on April 1 and by their unwillingness now to yield a fraction of an inch, the coal operators stand convicted of industrial sabotage before the bar of public opinion.

The Mayor's Budget

Despite serious inadequacies, Mayor La Guardia's executive budget represents a constructive effort to meet the needs of the people. One could gather as much from the budget hearing last Wednesday when the misnamed Citizens (it ought to be called Bankers!) Budget Commission proposed a further and even more disastrous cut in social services to the tune of \$7,125,068.

The Mayor's recommendations and cuts in regard to the abolition of useless jobs are progressive and highly commendable. Likewise with his proposed savings on salaries over \$5,000 a year. But it is utterly impossible to justify and support the costly "savings" made in social services.

Such "economy" will amount to the greatest extravagance, since it will cause untold misery to those already suffering from unemployment and its resulting effect on health, morale and family life. These unfortunate cuts amount to approximately \$19,000,000 less than the very rock-bottom requests of eight social service departments—and they ought to be restored. (A more detailed statement of our position and proposals appears elsewhere in this issue.)

The financial limitations of the city are, of course, a real handicap, thanks to Republican-Tammany domination of the legislature. But this is no reason why hospital service, departments of health, child welfare, etc., should take the rap. The Mayor has a well-founded record as a fighter for the people of New York—and should he take the fight now to Albany demanding increased state aid and more city taxing power, he will have the backing of the people.

The Lynchers Are Not Delaying

If Congress were moving along in accordance with the wishes of the American people, certainly Rep. Gavagan would not be having such a hard time getting his anti-lynching bill to the House floor for action. For there is scarcely another measure which has such undivided support from every fair-minded person.

Yet, this bill remains bottled up in the House Rules Committee by the Republicans and anti-New Deal Democrats. To date, Rep. Gavagan has obtained only 82 of the 218 signatures from House members necessary to bring the bill to the floor by petition, and it seems like yanking out eye-teeth to get the rest. In view of the talk about adjournment, it's pretty clear that the strategy of the reactionaries is to delay and prevent passage of the measure, even by the House.

But while the anti-lynching bill is being delayed, the lynchers are not delaying. Their special terror against the Negro people was extended to lynch Miles Brown, a white man in Florida the other day. Two Negroes were flogged within an inch of their lives in Goldsboro, N. C., a few weeks ago, and four lynchings of Negroes have taken place this year. Congress could take action against these terrible things now.

Why doesn't the House pass a resolution to investigate these un-American outrages? If it can adopt resolutions for witch-hunting into WPA and for smearing labor and the New Deal, why can't it pass a necessary one for inquiring into violations of the constitutional rights of the Negro and other Americans?

Meantime, Congressmen should be deluged with letters demanding that they sign the petition to bring the Wagner-Gavagan anti-lynching bill to the House floor—for passage.

The Publishers Put It Over

The American Newspaper Publishers' Association can be mighty proud of itself. And its members are undoubtedly falling over one another in their haste to slap each other on the back.

For the ANPA has prevailed upon the Children's Bureau of the Department of Labor to exempt newsboys under 16 from the protection of the Wages-Hours Law.

It is to be deeply regretted that the Children's Bureau gave in to these wealthy and powerful publishers. Meanwhile, the next time you read an editorial in the Tory press attacking the New Deal and calling for "freedom of the individual," give a thought to the newsies.

As far as the big publishers are concerned, "freedom" now means the right to exploit children.

Sam Johnson, Of Gilmer, Texas

The story of Sam Johnson of Gilmer, Texas, puts to shame Vice-President Garner—of the same state—and the rest of the "economy" bloc which has slashed the WPA appropriation.

Johnson was dismissed from his WPA project with the excuse that his health was not good enough for manual labor. Even though he obtained a doctor's certificate testifying to his health, he could not win reinstatement. But so determined was Johnson, that he announced that he was going to work any way to demonstrate his fitness. The county officials then actually went so far as to get out an injunction to prevent Johnson from working on any project.

As President Lasser of the Workers Alliance has said, the case of Johnson typifies the millions of unemployed off and on WPA, who "believe they have a right to work."

Of course, the hundreds of thousands of WPA workers now threatened with dismissals, will have to fight for their jobs—not in Sam Johnson's way—but in organized fashion under the leadership of the Workers Alliance and the trade union movement.

Venom in Vocabulary

The art of Wall Street journalism has reached a high stage recently. Poison is cleverly concealed in what appears to be unbiased news reporting.

The reader will read, for example,—"Mr. So-and-so was ACCUSED of being a Communist." The press never says Mr. So-and-so IS a Communist. It uses the word "accuse" to implant in the reader's mind the idea that there is something wrong, even criminal, in being a Communist.

A Washington correspondent for the Tory press will write—"There was a debate about the LARGE government deficit." How does he know it is "large"? By what standards does he measure it? This is another example of smuggling in the propaganda of reaction behind "unbiased" reporting.

There are hundreds of such tricks with headlines, pictures, phrases, placing of news in certain corners of the page, etc., etc.

The alert reader will find these for himself the better to shake off their poisonous influence. The more the Wall Street press pretends to be "impartial," the greater is the dose of poison it is subtly dishing out.

UNDER THE SEARCHLIGHT

by Ellis



The Basis for a Real Peace Policy

All men are judged today by one outstanding fact—their stand on America's foreign policy. Everything else, of necessity, becomes secondary.

The peaceful people of America have not chosen this situation; the steady aggressions of the fascist war powers have thrust it upon them. This is not the time to mince words. Any man who watches what the Berlin-Rome-Tokyo axis is doing to world peace in Europe, South America and the Far East, and then has the gall to tell America that "this is none of our business" is either wilfully blind, or deliberately deceiving the American people to the dangers which advance upon them.

In this situation, the American people can easily choose between the position of President Roosevelt and the gang of detractors, propagandists, Tories, Hitlerites and dupes now trying to paralyze American democracy from within.

There can be no doubt where the choice of America lies. The day has passed when American democracy can bury its head in the sand and hope that the fascist war machine will pass it by.

In his inter-continental message to the Pan-American Union yesterday, President Roosevelt repeated once again the plain, common-sense truths of the world struggle for peace. The day of American isolation is dead beyond recall—"Beyond question, within a few scant years air fleets will cross the ocean as easily as today they cross the European seas. Economic functioning of the world becomes increasingly a unit; no interruption of it anywhere can fail, in the future, to disrupt economic life everywhere."

Is there a sane man who can challenge these words? And yet, in the halls of the U.S. Senate reactionary, deceitful voices ring out against their plain meaning. Tory Senators like George, Reynolds and Bridges wring their hands at every effort of America to halt the

dreadful war fires which approach closer every day to our shores. Whatever Hitler's obscene Minister of Propaganda, Goebbels, writes one day against America's foreign policy is repeated the next day by Tory isolationists on the floor of the United States Senate.

Even more alarming, Senator Reynolds and Congressman Fish, encouraged by the Hoover forces and the Hearst press, are ready to deliver the Philippine Islands to the advancing Japanese war machine. In whose interest do these Roosevelt-haters speak when they shriek so frantically in defense of the Hitler war bandits? Certainly not in the interests of this country and its national defense!

The Coughlin gang is rearing its head; new "demonstrations" are being organized against the President's foreign policy by the "Paul Revere, Inc.," pro-fascist conspirators against America's democratic progress.

How strange it is that these sinister forces should prate about "defending America only in case of actual invasion" while they do everything in their power to hasten such armed attack by turning the East and West over to Hitler-Japanese conquest! Could their secret love of Hitlerism, their contempt for America's democratic safety be more plainly exposed?

"Our will to peace," declared the President, "will have its voice in determining the order of world affairs."

America's youth is indeed too precious to be exposed to the wanton ravages of Hitlerite conquests. America must act to preserve peace, and prevent another world horror.

We believe that America's safety requires economic sanctions against aggressor nations, and collaboration with all powers ready to balk aggression and preserve peace. This is the test for a genuine American peace policy today.

Letters From Our Readers

Suggests Articles on National Groups in U.S.A.—

Editor, Daily Worker: Glendale, Pa.
The Educational Committee of our Party Branch (Carnegie District), in discussing its work and the utilization of the Sunday Worker in that work, suggests a series of articles on the different national groups in the United States to be run in the Progressive Weekly.

Such a series of articles would certainly contribute to the anti-fascist fight and help nullify the propaganda of fascism that it is interested in freeing the various national minorities of the different countries.

Such propaganda has caught on here, and our Branch has found definite expressions of it in the language movement in Carnegie.

One of our first methods to combat this spread of fascist ideology was to bring the Sunday Worker to these organizations. Certainly the value of the Sunday Worker, both politically and organizationally, could be considerably enhanced if we could look forward from week to week to an article about national groups in the United States.

Such a series of articles along the line of the contributions of this or that group to the cultural, economic, social, scientific and political life of our country would certainly help make the Sunday Worker an even better paper than it now is—which is saying something.

HERBERT NUSSE, Chairman Carnegie Branch.

Boston, Mass.

'A Master Dissertation'—
Editor, Daily Worker:
I went to the Mechanics Building to hear the Hicks-Curran debate. You people from the Daily Worker ought to send a gold medal to Professor Granville Hicks. His was a master dissertation of the thesis he had to discuss and he succeeded a hundredfold. I want to send him my best respects, gratitude and admiration for the work he is doing for the masses.

ALBERT BLEMONT.

'A Very Significant Event'—

New York City.

Editor, Daily Worker:
The concert given by Marian Anderson last Sunday was to me a very significant event in the life of our country.

It was an expression of something far more important than the courage of one individual. The spirit of the affair, the tremendous size of it, and everything about it, left a pleasant taste in my mouth.

To me it proved that the vast majority of the people of this country abhor reaction and discrimination and demonstrated this fact 75,000 strong and a million listeners on the radio.

T. S.

School System—Segregation Style—

New York City.

Editor, Daily Worker:
The "lily-white" Central High School in Washington, D. C., from which the world's greatest singer was barred, is in a 75 per cent colored residential area. It is almost surrounded by a colored ghetto.

Many hundreds of colored children living practically next door to it, or at least within easy walking distance, have to walk or ride past it daily, in some cases more than two miles, to the congested ghetto high school in a still more congested slum area.

WASHINGTON, D. C., REFUGEE.

W. Virginia Miners Aren't Fooled—

Morgantown, W. Va.

Editor, Daily Worker:
There is a deliberate attempt to inject the Progressive Miners of America into the present negotiations between the United Mine Workers of America and the Appalachian Coal Operators' Association.

West Virginia is mentioned as one of the two places where the Progressive Miners of America has organization.

Firstly, the Progressive Miners have not a single local union in the whole state, in spite of the fact that many thousands of dollars were spent to organize

World Front

By HARRY GANNES



The New York Times Shields Chamberlain from Exposure Of His Dodging Tactics

An example of flavoring the news here in the service of Chamberlain with regard to the growing popular demand in Great Britain for acceptance of the Soviet Union's collective security proposals, is the New York Times' Friday edition.

This was the day after Chamberlain had made his lukewarm House of Commons speech about helping to protect Greece and Rumania. The most sensational feature of the ensuing parliamentary debates was the sharp criticism of the Tory Prime Minister for omitting what was closest to the heart of the peace-loving people of the world—the progress of negotiations with the Soviet Union.

In its early midnight edition the Times printed some opposition addresses. But in its later editions the Times bluepencilled the most salient and telling portions of the speeches of Clement R. Attlee, leader of the Labor opposition; Sir Archibald Sinclair, leader of the Liberal opposition; and Winston Churchill, independent Conservative leader.

While slashing the demand for collaboration with the U. S. S. R. from remarks of the opposition to Chamberlain, the Times added quotations from the Clivedenites in a way to make it appear that these Munichmen are the initiators of conversations with the Soviet Union.

Out of Attlee's criticism of Chamberlain's speech the Times deleted these paragraphs in its later editions: "We have accepted so many obligations that we are getting into what may be said to be the dangers of the covenant without its advantages."

"I AM SORRY THAT THE PRIME MINISTER MADE NO REFERENCE TO HIS POSITION ON THE SOVIET UNION. IF WE ARE TO BUILD UP A LEAGUE OF COLLECTIVE SECURITY THERE MUST BE UNITY BETWEEN GREAT BRITAIN, FRANCE AND THE SOVIET UNION. (Emphasis ours—H. G.)."

"The most vital matter is the moral issue. A firm stand against aggression will not be obtained if we are thinking all the time of individual interest. We must rally all the people of the world who believe in freedom, liberty and peace."

"The government is still speaking with two voices. I want a government that will speak with one voice. I do not feel that we are getting the lead we ought to receive from the government."

From Sir Archibald Sinclair's remarks, the Times sliced out the following concluding, most important, words:

"RUSSIA HAS MADE ITS PROPOSALS. IT IS TIME NOW THAT THE GOVERNMENT CARRIES IT A STAGE FURTHER AND MAKES PRACTICAL, CONCRETE PROPOSALS. BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE, TO RUSSIA AND TRIES TO GET THEM TO A ROUND TABLE TO MAKE PLANS FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE."

And from Winston Churchill's attack on Chamberlain's pussyfooting, the Times threw out the following:

"A great majority of the House, I believe, supports the government in the policy which it is now adopting—building up a strong alliance of nations to resist further acts of aggression. The essence of such a policy is speed and vigor. If it is not carried through with the utmost speed and vigor, it would be better not to have started upon it at all. This is no time for half measures. There is absolutely no halfway house."

"IF PEACE IS TO BE PRESERVED THERE SEEMS TO BE TWO MAIN STEPS WHICH I TRUST ARE ALREADY BEING OR WILL BE TAKEN IMMEDIATELY. FIRST, OF COURSE, IS THE FULL INCLUSION OF SOVIET RUSSIA IN OUR DEFENSIVE PEACE BLOC."

"The second step, which it seems to me important that we should take, is the promotion of unity in the Balkans. Four Balkan States and Turkey are an immense combination."

"The arrangements we have made with Greece, Turkey and Rumania, of course, are only first steps. But these steps, although highly important, beneficial, sound and wise in all the circumstances into which we have come, will not by themselves save the Balkans from another drenching dose of misery and ruin. An arrangement between Rumania and Bulgaria is vital if full harmony of the Balkans is to be secured."

Is this accidental or mechanical editorial cutting? Only fools could think so. The fact that opposition reference to the most significant proposals of the Soviet Union for collective action in each case suffer from the editorial mangling of the New York Times, speaks volumes.

Why is the Times so anxious to defend Mr. Chamberlain from the keenest critics of Chamberlain's Munich plotting?

When he was interrupted with questions about the Soviet Union, Chamberlain reverted to his old device of asserting that conversations with the U. S. S. R. are proceeding.

Whether he likes it or not, the Tory Premier will not be able to ditch these talks leading to collective security which the British people insist on.

Nor will the New York Times by eliminating these primary questions from their news columns erase them from the realities of the world political situation.

such locals, and with the aid of certain coal companies.

They made exactly three attempts to hold open mass meetings in the state. One in Eshadale and two in Logan County. All three meetings failed, because the miners are loyal to the United Mine Workers and realistic enough to see the disruptive role of the Progressive Miners' elements. The miners see that the least weakening of their strongly united organization would be a signal for an attack by the coal operators.

How in the name of decency can the Progressive Miners of America claim members in West Virginia, when it is only from airplanes that they dare to distribute literature? And that is done quite regularly. They have an office in Charleston, but it is always empty. The local unions in the A. F. of L. resent them, realizing their strike-breaking role. This resentment is developing into organizational action quite rapidly. You hear pronouncements of "we have nothing in common with them."

The State Federation of Labor, at their last convention, voted to hold their 1939 convention in Morgantown. The people in that community made it clear that they welcome the delegates to this convention, but no Progressive Miners' "delegate" should come. For this reason the state convention has been cancelled for Morgantown. No other place has yet been selected.

JOHN LAUTNER.

State Org., C. P., W. Virginia.

Hollywood Review

By Donald Ross

HOLLYWOOD.—Prospects for a Los Angeles theater emphasizing social themes have brightened considerably with the formation of the Hollywood Theater Alliance. Among its sponsors are a number of well-known motion picture directors, writers, actors and musicians, including George Cukor, Gilbert Gabriel, Sigmund Romberg, Will Rogers, Jr., Dorothy Parker, Lillian Hellman, Garson Kanin, Donald Ogden Stewart, J. Edward Bromberg, Irving Pichel, Arthur Kober, Ira Gershwin, and others.

Work has already begun on a satirical cabaret revue along the lines of the Theatre Arts Committee's Cabaret TAC in New York and the Motion Picture Artists' Committee's "Sticks and Stones" put on here some months ago. Jay Gorney, Bernard Vorhaus, Irving White, Lucian Preval, Mortimer Offner and Danny Dare are among those working on the cabaret. Plays for later production have been submitted by Edwin Justus Mayer, Milt Gross, John Howard Lawson, Ralph Elock, Julius and Philip Epstein, Francis Paragoh, Robert Rossen, Aben Kandel and Edward Eliscu.

Now that Samuel Goldwyn's filming of Charlotte Bronte's novel, "Wuthering Heights," has been widely acclaimed, Warner Bros. announce that they will continue their series of biographical films with one to be called "Devotion," based upon the lives of the three Bronte sisters, Charlotte, Emily and Anne. Bette Davis, Olivia de Havilland and Geraldine Fitzgerald will play the sisters, and male characters will be portrayed by Claude Rains, George Brent and possibly Jeffrey Lynn. James Hilton, who wrote "Lost Horizon" and "Goodbye, Mr. Chips," will do the adaptation of the original story by Theodore Reeves and DeWitt Beaudine.

Jack Cooper, of the publicity staff at 20th Century-Fox (no relation to Jackie Cooper—but that doesn't stop him from pasting up headlines about Jackie Cooper all over his office for a gap) is feeling his oats these days. He's being carefully studied by Tyrone Power, who will portray a movie publicity man in the forthcoming "Second Fiddle." . . . Joan Crawford's first phonograph song recordings for Victor will be released next month. . . . Rosalind Russell—remember her in "Craig's Wife"?—has been added to the cast of the M-G-M version of Clare Boothe's "The Women," replacing Ilka Chase, who had been announced for the role of the malicious Park Avenue matron which she played in the stage version. Joan Crawford and Norma Shearer who, according to Look, are celebrated Hollywood feudists, will co-star in the picture. . . . Barney Balaban, president of Paramount, says his company will try to offset the loss of fascist-dominated European film markets by making pictures which will have an added appeal for Latin America. . . . Warner has already begun along this line. Their film about Simon Bolivar, the Venezuelan liberator, will star Errol Flynn as Bolivar.

THE current issue of Magazine TAC, publication of the Theatre Arts Committee in New York, carries an article by Walter Wanger titled "The 1939 Manner," in which the pioneering independent producer says, among other things: "The political bombshell which exploded last fall and set the entire world tingling with excitement has made the American public keenly alert and given our movies a challenge which cannot be denied."

The same issue includes an article by screenwriter John Wexley (who wrote the plays "They Shall Not Die," "Steel" and "The Last Mile") and the screenplay "The Amazing Mr. Clichehouse" and "Angels With Dirty Faces," which tells what looks like the inside story of how one producer met the challenge Walter Wanger refers to. While in New York last fall, Wexley received a visit from director Anatole Litvak, who "imparted to me, in almost breathless tones, the news that Warner intended making an anti-Nazi spy film." Wexley tells how he dismissed the idea, saying that other producers who still did business in Germany would never stand for it, and that the Hays office would be sure to crack down. Later, in Hollywood, "I had the opportunity of discussing the matter directly with Mr. Jack L. Warner. And there I learned that Mr. Warner wasn't concerned about what anybody might say—the anti-Nazi picture would be made! He pointed out to me that Warner Brothers, fortunately, were not controlled by Wall Street, and that the Will Hays organization was in actuality in the position of being a paid employee of Warner Brothers, insofar as it was employed by the Motion Picture Producers' Association." Skeptical Wexley presently went to work as co-author of the script he never thought would be made.

On the Radio

- MORNING**
- 7:00-WNYC—Sunrise Symphony
7:15-WABC—Morning News Report
8:00-WOR—Trans-Radio News
8:15-WNYC—Breakfast Symphony
8:30-WNYC—"Let the Buyer Beware"
9:00-WNYC—U. P. News
9:15-WNYC—Around New York Today and News
9:30-WNYC—Market Watch
9:45-WNYC—Composers' Hour
10:00-WNYC—"The Sound of Music"
10:15-WNYC—Classical Conservatory of Music
10:30-WNYC—News
10:45-WNYC—National Federation of Music Clubs
11:00-WNYC—"Our Barn" Children's Program
11:15-WNYC—"You and Your Health"
AFTERNOON
12:00-WNYC—Midday Symphony
12:30-WNYC—National Education Forum
1:00-WNYC—Trans-Radio News
1:15-WNYC—National Farm and Home Hour
1:30-WNYC—University Life: Columbia University Debating Society
1:45-WNYC—Moravian College Olee Club
2:00-WNYC—Assistant Secretary of War
2:15-WNYC—National Defense
2:30-WNYC—Musical Atlas
2:45-WNYC—Case Institute Dedication Luncheon
3:00-WNYC—"New Against Death"
3:15-WNYC—Opera Matinee
3:30-WNYC—Dance Music
3:45-WNYC—U. P. News
4:00-WNYC—Intercollegiate Debate
4:15-WNYC—WNYC—Dodge's vs. Yankees from Ebbets Field
4:30-WNYC—World's Fair Music
4:45-WNYC—Classical Music
5:00-WNYC—News
5:15-WNYC—Club Matinee
5:30-WNYC—Four Strings at 4:00
5:45-WNYC—Music of the Moment
6:00-WNYC—Sonata Path, Violinist
6:15-WNYC—Handicap from Jamaica Race Track
6:30-WNYC—Radio Playhouse
6:45-WNYC—Southwest Review
7:00-WNYC—Library of Congress Chamber Music Series
7:15-WNYC—News
7:30-WNYC—Dance Music
7:45-WNYC—Brooklyn Bar Association Program
8:00-WNYC—"What Price America?"
8:15-WNYC—Security for the Advancement of Young Musicians
8:30-WNYC—Young People's Concert in Cooperation with New York Public Library
8:45-WNYC—Street Interviews
9:00-WNYC—U. P. News
EVENING
9:00-WNYC—Kaltenmeyer's Kindergarten
9:15-WNYC—Uncle Don
9:30-WNYC—News and Sports
9:45-WNYC—Music to Remember
10:00-WNYC—Art for Art's Sake, Art Quiz
10:15-WNYC—Assemblyman Robert F. Wagner, Jr., Resumes of Work in State Legislature
10:30-WNYC—Adventures in Science Describes Bombing an Atom
10:45-WNYC—Sport Talk
11:00-WNYC—Billie Holiday's Scrapbook
11:15-WNYC—"Renfrew of the Mounted"
11:30-WNYC—All Hands on Deck
11:45-WNYC—Lucy Brown, Pianist, and David Weber, Clarinetist
12:00-WNYC—Of Mutual Interest
12:15-WNYC—News
12:30-WNYC—Dick Pithell, Sports Resumes
- 7:00-WFAP—Hail of Fun**
7:15-WOR—Stan Lomax, Sports Review
7:30-WNYC—Management of Israel
7:45-WNYC—Americans at Work
8:00-WNYC—Repeat of Masterwork Hour
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SCREEN STARS of the WEEK

Upper right, Merle Oberon playing in "Wuthering Heights" at the Rivoli in the film version of Emily Bronte's famous novel; lower right, Nikolai Cherkasov as he appears in real life as deputy to the Supreme Soviet of the U. S. S. R., now playing in the title role of "Alexander Nevsky" at the Cameo; center, Bette Davis, brilliant actress, comes to the Music Hall on Thursday in "Dark Victory"; below Mickey Rooney takes the Hardys for a ride at the Capitol in "The Hardys Ride High."



HOW DO YOU FEEL?

HEALTH ADVICE

Readers' questions will be offered to a doctor for reply. However, diagnosis of individual cases and prescription will not be attempted. When writing, please enclose stamped, self-addressed envelope.

By MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD

Cancer of the Stomach

And What to Do About It

The most common forms of cancer, are cancer of the breast in women and cancer of the stomach in men. This latter type of growth is so much more common in men than in women that there must be some reason to account for it. However, this reason, like other facts about cancer, is not known as yet. Certain important facts about stomach cancer are known, however. For one thing, it is most common from the ages of 40 to 60, though a small percentage of cases occur after 30. Its onset is slow and likely to be overlooked because of this very slowness. There are certain symptoms, however, which are important and must not be overlooked in people of this age. First, there is pain in the upper abdomen, present off and on, and at the beginning not very severe. It may be nothing more than a recurring discomfort in this region. Loss of weight and appetite, with no explainable cause are also signs to be watched. Nausea and even vomiting may be symptoms in some. Change in the routine of the bowel movements so that constipation or diarrhea become frequent, are also suspicious. With all this, there is often a general feeling of weakness. The thing not to do at this point, is to go in for self-medication with a number of advertised patent medicines and nostrums.

These symptoms are not a cause for immediate alarm or an unjustified diagnosis of stomach cancer. If they are of short duration and promptly disappear they are not due to this cause. If they persist over several weeks or more, they call for thorough examination of the stomach and intestinal canal. Even if persistent, they may be due to other causes such as ulcer or gastritis (stomach inflammation), but a careful examination is needed to decide this. A diagnosis is reached by expert X-ray studies of the stomach; combined with a general examination, chemical examination of the stomach contents, blood, stool, etc.; in short, one or more procedures that are suggested by the circumstances of the case. At times, these studies must be repeated after a short interval, if not conclusive at first glance. The great importance of all this lies in the early diagnosis that will be obtained. For the answer to stomach cancer is early diagnosis and, therefore, early operation.

A MUST FILM

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SCREEN

'Wuthering Heights' Cast Into Well-Wrought Film

WUTHERING HEIGHTS, a Samuel Goldwyn Production, from the novel by Emily Bronte, with a cast including Merle Oberon, Laurence Olivier, David Niven, Flora Robson and others. Directed by William Wyler. At the Rivoli.

By Ben Cooper

Emily Bronte's high-powered romantic novel, "Wuthering Heights," has received a properly reverent treatment at the hands of those Hollywood cut-ups, Hecht and MacArthur, who wrote the screen-play for the version currently at the Rivoli. The cash-customer received it with sighs and tears, and for those who desire a catharsis of romance, with all the stops pulled out, it's recommended. There is much pictorial beauty in the film, and there are moments when you will be able to believe that the perennial purveyors of our cruder sensations have actually caught a glimpse of the actuality of human love.

The Bronte sisters were prim girls in their day, considerably unhappy in their own lives, and they were at war with human pride and worldliness. So the tragic mutual love of the orphan Gipsy Heathcliff and Catholic Earnshaw, daughter to the manor born, provides a moral and a preachment. Young Heathcliff was found, a starveling, in the Liverpool slums, and brought to Wuthering Heights. With the death of Earnshaw, his benefactor, Cathy's brother, Hindley, relegates him to his proper place; for after all, even though the children grew up together in the commonality of childhood, Heathcliff was a beggar and an outcast—therefore, a servant. So when he came to man's estate, he was still the servant of Hindley, the drunken young master; but he was also Cathy's lover.

Torn Between Love And Pride

Cathy, full of the pride of class, was torn between the love she felt for Heathcliff, which was real; and her desire for the gracious life to which she had been born, and which was held out to her by the wealthy Edgar Linton. And this desire was just as real to her as love. When under its spell, she consents to marry Edgar, Heathcliff, who had previously called down his kipsy's curse upon the Linton manor, leaves for America, to make his fortune. He makes it and returns to find Cathy the wife of Linton, installed as the mistress of his manor. She loves him; there can be no doubt of that, but she has renounced him. Consistent with the former "blackguard's" pride is the revenge he takes upon her, by winning the heart and hand of Edgar's sister, Cathy had thrown love away for comfort and position; Heathcliff tortures her (as well as his adoring wife) for what she has done to him. And Cathy dies of love, only to return as Heathcliff has killed her, to haunt him and torment him for the balance of his life. It is a sad story and it will make you sad despite the considerable amount of bilge-water in the pictured version; for there are moments, and they should be emphasized, when the actual values of the love of man and woman are recaptured.

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GORKY FILM AT THE JEWEL
The Jewel Theatre, Kings Highway and Ocean Parkway is now showing the Soviet film "Childhood of Maxim Gorky" through Monday; and also on same program, "Nancy Drew Detective" with Bonita Granville.



Old Favorites Heard In New Recordings

By Martin McCall

A recent release by the Commodore Music Shop of New York is of the original coupling of Louis Armstrong's Hot Seven. "Potato Head Blues" and "Put 'Em Down Blues" (No. 59-60). The recording, made in 1927 for the Okeh Co., features besides Louis Armstrong on trumpet, Johnny Dodds, who did much to establish and develop the hot style on clarinet, and Kid Ory, the pioneer trombonist. These New Orleans musicians are heard in brief, characteristic solos, but Armstrong, of course, is mainly heard. His solos unlike those of today do not depart too much from the selected melody, and the artistic effect is achieved by an unprecedented kind of phrasing. This is vigorously projected in terms of dark, deliberately rough tone, capable of infinite variety of expression. The record is one of the celebrated early Armstrongs.

Another Commodore release presents two piano solos by Jess Stacy, Chicagoan, playing now in Benny Goodman's Orchestra (No. 56). "Chicagoan," of course, does not merely describe the pianist's home town, but refers to style of playing and a mode of sensibility. "Complainin'," the better side which has a formal a-b plan, is delicately phrased, and where it is markedly rhythmic, it is too brief. For a prepared piece, it strikes an authentic mood, but does not display the main virtue of a prepared piece. The themes are stated, but never developed. As for "Ramblin'," the companion piece, it is true to its name, and noticeably halting, at that. The first side is recommended for hearing.

The records for Victor's Bluebird label by the band assembled by Hughes Panassie, French critic, represent an attempt to recapture the impulse that defined the New Orleans style of hot jazz in the early '20's. The band is all-Negro with the exception of Milt Mesrow, clarinetist, and features the veteran trumpeter, Tommy Ladnier. The selections recorded are mostly improvised, and the improvisations are predominantly collective. They are not always first rate, but those whose polyrhythmic figures are most successful are "Ja Da" and "Weary Blues" (B-10086). "Everybody Loves My Baby" (B-10090) and "Comin' On With the Come On" (B-10085). Ladnier plays his best solo in "Everybody Loves My Baby." Another outstanding solo is that by Teddy Bunn, guitarist, in "If You See Me Comin'" (B-10087).

FRENCH BILL HELD OVER

The French program at the World Theatre, consisting of Ballerina and Heart of Paris, will be held over for a second week.

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STAGE

'My Heart's In Highlands' Well Staged by the Group

MY HEART'S IN THE HIGHLANDS. By William Saroyan. Produced by the Group Theatre. Directed by Robert Lewis. Settings and costumes by Herbert Andrews. Music by Paul Bowles. Group Theatre.

By John Cambridge

. . . and then Ben Alexander, the greatest poet in the world, although unknown, was visited by Jasper MacGregor, the greatest Shakespearean actor, who had escaped from an old people's home with his trumpet in his hand and hunger in his stomach, and Ben's son Johnny went to wheedle some food from Mr.

Kosak, the grocer, because nobody had any money, and the rent was unpaid, and the old Armenian grandmother was always sweeping up the spare poems and loudly complaining in her own language, but she liked MacGregor's tunes on the trumpet, as did all the neighbors, who brought food along to show their appreciation, but MacGregor was recaptured, and the war came, and Ben denounced it, and his poems came back in a large parcel from the "Atlantic Monthly," and there was a newsboy who could whistle in three styles, and Johnny turned somersaults, and then MacGregor escaped again, but only to die in the grand manner, and Ben and his family were dispossessed. . . .

"What does it all mean, poet?" The answer, I think, is very little, but Mr. Saroyan might also ask the meaning of

"When that I was and a little tiny boy,
With hey, ho, the wind and the rain;
A foolish thing was but a toy,
For the rain it raineth every day."

There is Californian sunshine, and no rain, in "My Heart's In the Highlands," but its inconsequential and wistfulness evoke the mood of lyric poetry or a children's story. It is hard to know whether Mr. Saroyan, who at least poses as a serious writer, or merely a semi-Stein, but in his non-literary activity he has shown more than once that he is an adult, progressive individual. In fairness to him, therefore, it should be said that this play, which in its original form, seemed more precious than poetic, is on the stage imbued with charm and beauty. There is a dull gap in the middle, which even Robert Lewis's most sensitive and imaginative direction cannot altogether bridge, but otherwise the play holds the spectator without effort.

"Confessions of a Nazi Spy" Praised by Noted Exiled German Author

Enthusiastic commendation for Warner Brothers' new production, "Confessions of a Nazi Spy," was voiced yesterday by Dr. Thomas Mann, famous German author who is now an exile from his native land, following a private screening of the picture in a studio projection room at Burbank, Calif.

"I thoroughly enjoyed 'Confessions of a Nazi Spy,'" said Dr. Mann after the screening. "It is an exciting, realistic drama. 'I believe that the picture will exercise a splendid influence upon the world in general as it will inform all as to what Germany is doing and will help people to realize what is going on in the world today.'"

Inspired by the investigations conducted by Leon G. Turrer, former ace G-man who last year uncovered a widespread Nazi espionage ring, "Confessions of a Nazi Spy" has an outstanding cast headed by Edward G. Robinson and including Lya Lys, Paul Lukas and Francis Lederer. The picture will open in New York at the Strand Theatre April 23.

'A Negro Hobo Dies,' From New Foster Book

William Z. Foster's story, "A Negro Hobo Dies," which appeared in the Daily Worker on Thursday, is part of his latest book, "Pages from a Worker's Life," published by International Publishers at \$2.

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Short and Snappy Pre-Season Sizing Up of the Baseball Contenders

(This is the last of a series of thumbnail sketches of the major league teams. Tomorrow, Lester Rodney predicts the order of finish.)

WASHINGTON SENATORS

A strange collection of talent that can hit, if nothing else. Included on the club are three Cubans and a Venezuelan.

CHANGES—Jimmy Hasdel at first; Roberto Estalella, from Charlotte, N. C., left field; Rene Montegudo, Alex Alexander, Joe Haynes, Walter Masterson, added to pitching staff; Jack Early, from Charlotte, new No. 2 catcher.

PROBABLE LINE-UP—R. Ferrell, Eearly, Giuliani, O; Wasdell, 1B; Myer, 2B; Travis, SS; Lewis, 3B; Estalella, LF; Case, CF; Wright, RF. Pitchers—Krauskas, Chase, Appleton, Deshong, Kelley, Leonard, Montegudo, Ortiz, Masterson, Haynes, Alexander. Reserves—Infield: Gelbert, Bluege. Outfield—West, Weis.

BEST NEWCOMERS—Estalella, Masterson, Early.

BEST HITTERS—Travis, Wright, Myer, Lewis.

WEAK SPOTS—Uncertain pitching staff; lack of extra base power; and inexperience of outfield.

STRONG POINTS—Good hitting club; speed; and drive of youth.

BETTING ODDS—10-1 (Fifth).

POSITION LAST YEAR—Fifth; won 75; lost 76; Pct. .497.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX

Injury jinx continues to hover over White Sox. Loss of Monty Stratton through hunting accident deprives them of a star pitcher.

CHANGES—Eric McNair, from Red Sox, at second; Art Herring and Vic Frasier, from St. Paul, added to pitching staff; Ken Sylvestri, new catcher from St. Paul.

PROBABLE LINE-UP—Sylvestri, Tresh, Renna, C; Kubel, 1B; McNair, 2B; Appling, SS; Owen, 3B; G. Walker, LF; Rosenthal, CF; Kreevich, RF. Pitchers—Lee, Whitehead, Rigney, Lyons, Knott, Brown, Dietrich, Herring, Frasier. Reserves—Infield: Hayes, Bejma. Outfield: Radcliff, Steinbacher, Thompson.

BEST NEWCOMERS—Herring, Frasier, Sylvestri.

BEST HITTERS—Steinbacher, Appling, G. Walker.

WEAK SPOTS—Lack of pitching; inexperienced catching.

STRONG POINTS—Well-balanced hitting club; good defensive infield and outfield.

BETTING ODDS—30-1 (Sixth).

POSITION LAST YEAR—Sixth; won 65; lost 83; Pct. .439.

ST. LOUIS BROWNS

Any major league club that never won a pennant continues rebuilding program. Slight progress seems to have been made except in pitching staff.

CHANGES—Myrl Hoag, from Yankees, to left field; John Berardino, San Antonio, second; Hal Spindel, Sacramento, and Joe Glenn, Yankees, new catchers; Bill Trotter, Harry Kimbrell, Jack Kramer.

PROBABLE LINE-UP—Glenn, Spindel, Sullivan, C; McQuinn, 1B; Berardino, 2B; Kress, SS; Cliff, 3B; Hoag, LF; Almada, CF; Bell, RF. Pitchers—Newson, Mills, Van Atia, Walkup, Cole, Cox, Johnson, Kimbrell, Marcum, Trotter, Kramer. Reserves—Infield: Heffner, Gryak, Hughes. Outfield: Grace, Gilber.

BEST NEWCOMERS—Spindel, Berardino.

BEST HITTERS—McQuinn, Almada, Kress.

WEAK SPOTS—Woeful pitching outside of Newson; lack of all around class.

STRONG POINTS—Good at first and third; offensively and defensively improved catching; a 20-game winner in Newson.

BETTING ODDS—50-1 (Seventh).

POSITION LAST YEAR—Seventh; won 55; lost 97; Pct. .362.

PHILADELPHIA ATHLETICS

Still building for the future, and a long way to go. "I expect improvement from some of our boys and I'm still hoping," says manager Connie Mack.

CHANGES—Dee Miles, from Chattanooga, to center field; Bill Nagel, Little Rock, third base; Roy Parmalee, from Minneapolis, Henry Phippen, Sacramento and Bob Joyce, Oakland, added to pitching staff.

PROBABLE LINE-UP—Brucker, Hayes, C; Siebert, 1B; Ambler, 2B; Newsome, SS; Nagel, 3B; Johnson, LF; Miles, CF; Moss, RF. Pitchers—Caster, Dean, Nelson, Parmalee, Phippen, Potter, Ross, Joyce, E. Smith, D. Smith Thomas Reninger. Reserves—Infield: Gantenberr, Outfield: Chapman, Finney.

BEST NEWCOMERS—Nagel, Miles, Joyce.

WEAK SPOTS—Lack of all-around hitting; pitching undeveloped; defense unsound.

STRONG POINTS—You name 'em.

BETTING ODDS—100-1 (Eighth).

POSITION LAST YEAR—Eighth; won 53; lost 96; Pct. .349.

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The team to beat in the National League flag race storms into town today.

Yep, it's the Giants. Fans who hop up to the Polo Grounds today will grab a pre-season look at the revamped Terry-

men as they go into the final exhibition series with the Cleveland Indians before the big opening with the hated Dodgers at Ebbets Field Tuesday.

Zeke Bonura heads the new faces list. The colorful first-baseman is a power-hitter, figures to dump plenty of homers into the left field stands. Then there's Burgess Whitehead, out all last year with a nervous breakdown, who has been fielding his second base with all his old-time zip. Billy Jurgens should make a hit with the fans who'll remember his many sparkling performances with the Cubs. Billy will make a fine double-play combine with Whitehead. Young Manny Salvo is one of the many rookie pitching finds of the year and he'll get his chance in a starting spot. Outfielder Frank Demaree and second-string catcher Ken O'Dea, obtained from the Cubs with Jurgens, are the other new Giants and have shown plenty of class.

Of the vets, it's still home-run king Mel Ott and great Joe Moore in the outfield. Catcher Hank Danning figures as a standout slugger in the circuit. Of the pitchers it looks like Harry Gumbert's year and don't sell Hub and Schumie short. Melton should bounce back from last year's sops slump and ace reliever Dick Cofman will save plenty of games.

Speedy George Myatt, who came up late last fall, is taking over the third-base post and slugging Bob Seeds, a midseason arrival in '38, is likely to steal the center field post from Demaree.

So take a look-see at the team the flag winner will have to beat.

Giants Drop Slugging Bee

RICHMOND, Va., April 14 (UP).

—The Cleveland Indians pounded Hal Schumacher for 10 runs in five innings and then hung on to down the New York Giants, 11-9 today.

Jeff Heath, Ernie Pylek, Julius Solters, Ken Keltner and Jim Shilling homered for the tribe. Zeke Bonura and Bob Seeds hit for the circuit for the Giants.

ALONG FISTIC ROW

Henry Armstrong was accorded the greatest applause ever given any boxer in England when he was introduced at the Farr-Burman square, which saw Tommy in his first win in 2 years, in London Thursday.

Roscoe Toles, fast-moving Negro heavy, and Bob Pastor signed yesterday for a bout in Detroit May 12.

Jack Roper has given up on developing a right-hand sock for his meeting with Joe Louis Monday in Los Angeles.

Jack is going to stick to his not-bad left and pray.

Buster Carroll, New England's belting welter, is back in town and hopes to make things miserable for fast - punching Maxie Berger in the feature 8-rounder at Broadway Arena Tuesday night.

TODAY'S EVENTS

Baseball. Exhibition game at Ebbets Field, Bedford Ave. and Sullivan Place, Brooklyn—2:30 P.M.

Giants vs. Cleveland Indians, exhibition game at Polo Grounds, 127th St. and 8th Ave.—3 P.M.

Columbia vs. Harvard at Baker Field, Broadway and 218th St.—2:30 P.M.

NYU vs. Brooklyn College at Ohio Field, University Avenue and 151st St.—Brooklyn—10:30 A.M.

LIU vs. St. Peter's at Erasmus Field, McDonald Ave. and Avenue M, Brooklyn—3 P.M.

Women's Intercollegiate. Tourney at Brooklyn College gym, Bedford Ave. and Avenue N, Brooklyn—9:30 A.M., 2 P.M. and 5 P.M.

TRACK. NYU vs. Rutgers at Ohio Field—2:30 P.M.

WRESTLING. Broadway Arena, Halsey St. near Broadway, Brooklyn—8:30 P.M.

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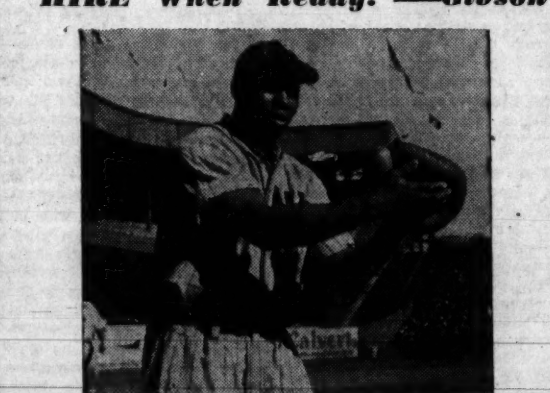


'Josh Gibson Better Than Bill Dickey,' Says Walter Johnson

"Big Train" Says Negro Star Is \$200,000 Ball Player, Can't Understand Big League's Stupidity

There is a catcher that any big league club would like to buy for \$200,000. They call him "Hot" Gibson and he can do everything. He hits that ball a mile. And ever seen in the majors grinning when he said, "It was the only time in my life that I was ever

"HIRE When Ready?"—Gibson



good a catcher.

That's how Walter Johnson described his Josh Gibson of the Homestead Grays, top team in the Negro National League, in an interview with the Washington Post this week.

Johnson, old-time smoke-baller and an all-time great, was sitting in a box at an exhibition game between the Grays and the Newark Eagles of the Negro League in Florida. Several ball-players with Johnson agreed with the "Big Train" on the major league calibre of ball played by the Negro teams.

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